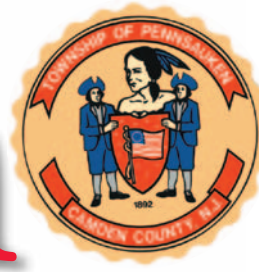


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Improvements Underway On Westfield Avenue



Camden County has begun road construction on Westfield Ave. from 42nd St. to Tinsman Ave.

Part of Westfield Ave. in Pennsauken is currently undergoing construction. The stretch of Westfield Ave. from 42nd St. to Tinsman Ave. will see various improvements as a result of the project.

"Motorists driving through the area can expect more traffic than usual, sudden stops and possible congestion while the project is underway," said Freeholder Susan Shin Angulo, liaison to the Camden County Department of Public Works. "Until construction is completed, motorists should try to plan around the area, and taking extra caution when driving through is a must."

The \$1.3 million project will mill and pave the roadway, improve handicap ramps, install a concrete vertical curb, improve storm water drainage, and more. During the milling and paving process, Westfield will be worked on one lane at a time, street by street. Motorists should anticipate significant delays during this time.

Work on Westfield began on Sept. 28

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Pennsauken Harvest Festival Held On October 7

By Frank Sinatra, AAP Editor

The Pennsauken Township Public Events Committee, in association with the Pennsauken Firefighters Association, will host the fourth annual Pennsauken Harvest Festival, a celebration of heritage, arts and community. The free event, held on Saturday, Oct. 7 from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the Pennsauken Community Recreation Complex on Westfield Ave., will highlight Pennsauken's diverse cultural identity with a celebration of arts and community.

"We're extremely excited to celebrate our diverse community and have some fall fun for the whole family," says Pennsauken Mayor Betsy McBride. "We invite Pennsauken residents and our neighbors throughout South Jersey to join us for this wonderful cultural event."

The fourth annual Harvest Festival offers plenty of entertainment to enjoy. On the main stage, music and dance acts—showcasing a wide variety of cultural performances,



Pennsauken's annual Harvest Festival, a celebration of community and culture, will be held on Saturday, Oct. 7 from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

including gospel, rock, reggae, African drums, and Mexican Dance—will perform throughout the day. And as attendees stroll around the event, they'll find stilt walkers, Brazilian Capoeira performances, Native

American dancers, and more. Held in conjunction with Fire Prevention Month, a time of year to focus on promoting the importance of fire safety in the community,

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Pennsauken School District Cuts Ribbon On New Trade Programs

By Frank Sinatra, AAP Editor



Last month, the Pennsauken School District officially cut the ribbon on the high school's new trade programs. Beginning this year, Pennsauken High School offers career technical education (CTE) programs in carpentry, cosmetology, automotive technology, and culinary arts.

"We're excited to launch these new programs for our students," says Tarah Gillespie, district curriculum supervisor for grades sixth through 12. "The purpose of these programs is to get our students certifications and get them on track to getting jobs post high school."

Over the summer, the high school underwent extensive renovations to upgrade the building's facilities to accommodate the new CTE programs. But according to Gillespie, the development of these classes started months earlier.

"The work started way before the summer, writing curriculum for 16 courses,

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Browning Road Senior Club

The Browning Road Senior Club invites local seniors to come and meet on the first and third Wednesdays of every month. Meetings are held at Temple Lutheran Church, 5600 North Route 130, Pennsauken at 1:00 p.m. Refreshments are served; there will be a short meeting followed by BINGO. For more information, call Pat at (609) 790-6760.

NephCure Walk

The 2017 Pennsauken NephCure Walk is held on Sunday, Oct. 8 at Cooper River Park. The event creates awareness, support and the funds needed to support a cure for FSGS and the kidney-related diseases that cause Nephrotic Syndrome. Registration begins at 8:00 a.m.; walk starts at 9:00 a.m. For more information, visit <https://give.nephcure.org/Pennsauken>.

AARP

Pennsauken AARP Chapter 2861 will be meeting on Monday, Oct. 9, at the PYAA Field House on Elm Ave. Meeting starts at 1:00 p.m. This meeting's entertainment will be the Bobby Block Band; refreshments will be soft pretzels and water ice. Please join us and bring a friend and a neighbor.

PASA

Please join the Pennsauken Alliance on Substance Abuse (PASA) as they work to educate the community about ways to stop abuse of drugs, alcohol, and tobacco. The organization's next meeting

will be on Wednesday, Oct. 11, 7:00 p.m., at Temple Lutheran Church, 5600 North Route 130, Pennsauken, NJ 08110.

Town Watch

Pennsauken's Town Watch hosts its next meeting on Wednesday, Oct. 11, 7:30 p.m., at the Pennsauken Police Department, Second Floor. Come learn how to make our community safer. For more information, call (856) 488-0080 ext. 2417.

Comic Con Tea

Athene Chapter #201 O.E.S. is hosting its annual tea on Saturday, Oct. 14, 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. at the Merchantville Masonic Lodge, 6926 Park Ave., Pennsauken. The tea has a "Comic Con" theme. Donations are \$15 for adults, \$8 for children under 12. For more information, call Eva at (856) 662-2118.

Hoagie Sale

AMVETS Post 101 Ladies Auxiliary is hosting a hoagie sale on Saturday, Oct. 14 at 519 June Rd. in Delair. The sale begins at 11:00 a.m. until all hoagies are gone. American, tuna, and turkey hoagies are available for just \$5 a piece. For more information, call (856) 663-8950.

Pregnancy And Infant Loss Remembrance Day

The sixth annual Pregnancy and Infant Loss Remembrance Day Ceremony will be held on Sunday, Oct. 15, 4:00 p.m. at the Cooper River Park Play-

ground in Pennsauken. The ceremony starts with refreshments and time to get to know the other families, followed by speakers, name reading, balloon release, and candle lighting. The evening is ended with a beautiful rose release into the river. Personalized candles are provided for each child, as well as a grab bag to remember the evening. R.S.V.P. with the name of your child/children, date(s), and how many people will be attending to NJPAILCeremony@gmail.com.

Harvest Fest And Silent Auction

Martin Luther Christian School will be holding a Fall Harvest Fest and Silent Auction on Friday, Oct. 20, beginning at 6:30 p.m. in the school gym. There is a \$5 admission cost at the door and there will be many themed baskets to bid on that evening. All proceeds will benefit the Martin Luther Christian School Playground Fund. Come out and join the fun! Martin Luther Christian School is located between Terrace and Baker avenues at the corner of Rt. 130. The parking lot and main entrance is on the Baker Ave. side. Call (856) 665-0231 for

more information.

Breast Cancer Walk

Making Strides Against Breast Cancer walks unite communities behind the American Cancer Society's efforts to save lives from breast cancer. This year's walk is held on Sunday, Oct. 22 at Jack Curtis Stadium at Cooper River Park, 5300 N. Park Drive, Pennsauken. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m.; walk starts at 10:00 a.m. For more information, contact PennsaukenNJStrides@cancer.org or call (856) 673-5720.

Fundraiser For Saint Jude Children's Research Hospital

On Tuesday, Oct. 24 from 11:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m., a portion of the proceeds from all sales at Mister Softee of Pennsauken, located at 3605 Haddonfield Rd., will benefit Saint Jude Children's Research Hospital, one of the world's premier centers for research and treatment of catastrophic diseases in children.

Fall Fair

Grace Episcopal Church, 7 E. Maple

Ave., Merchantville, is holding a fall fair on Saturday, Nov. 4, 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Featuring crafters, baked goods, deli table, Santa's secret shop, train display, and more. For more information, contact Norma Bush at (856) 630-0724.

Basket Auction

Athene Chapter #201 O.E.S. of New Jersey is hosting a basket auction Saturday, Nov. 11, 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. at the Merchantville Masonic Lodge, 6926 Park Ave., Pennsauken. Dessert buffet included. Donations are \$10 for adults, \$5 for children under 12. For more information, call Eva at (856) 662-2118.

Class Of 1982 Reunion

Pennsauken High School's Class of 1982 is holding its 35th year reunion on Friday, Nov. 24, 7:00 to 11:00 p.m., at Marco's at the Pennsauken Country Club, 3800 Haddonfield Rd. The cost is \$40 and includes appetizers, buffet, DJ music, dancing, and cash bar. R.S.V.P. by Oct. 27 to Nancy Warren-Ellis by e-mailing nancywarrenellis@aol.com or calling (856) 220-6313.

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10:00 AM Holy Eucharist, Rite Two (Contemporary)

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Simmons Foods is a leading supplier of poultry, pet and ingredient products and is the largest supplier of store brand wet pet food in North America. Their Pennsauken location currently has 10 open positions, from director of sales to sanitation worker. For more information, visit simmonsfoods.com/careers.

Inserts East, a leading commercial printer located in Pennsauken, is seeking candidates for a junior printing role, which assists in a wide range of production activities. The press assistant will remove bundles from the press, count bundles placed on skids and perform tasks such as cleaning or changing press equipment for a new run. Day and night shifts are available. If interested please email hr1@insertseast.com or pick up application at 7045 Central Highway, Pennsauken, NJ.

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MAYOR'S CORNER An Open Letter From Mayor McBride To The Residents And Businesses Of Pennsauken Township



Township Adopts Ordinances to Minimize Pollution of Creeks and Rivers

By Betsy McBride,
Mayor of Pennsauken Township

Each year, The New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection enlists the help of municipalities throughout the state to remind residents and businesses of the importance of protecting our waterways from pollution. Pennsauken is strongly committed to keeping all of our town's creeks and rivers pollution-free and encourages our residents and business owners to do what they can to be good stewards of our environment.

While many of our residents don't have homes along the riverfront, you

may be surprised that you could be negatively affecting the environment every time it rains. The New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection has determined that stormwater runoff is the largest source of water pollution impacting our creeks and rivers. Rainwater that flows down storm drains carries with it anything that is dropped, dumped, blown, or swept into the street. Items such as grass, leaves, oil, fertilizers, pet droppings, and all types of trash and litter will eventually be washed down a storm drain and into one of the creeks and rivers throughout the Township.

How many times have you seen trash in the street or floating down an inlet? Or found grass clippings strewn along the sidewalk? That trash eventually ends up in a creek or river. Trash, plastic bottles, plastic bags, etc. are visible along the

banks of the Delaware River, Cooper River and many smaller creeks throughout the area. Community efforts, like our Township's cleanup of Tippin's Pond, held this month on Saturday, Oct. 14 beginning at 9:00 a.m., continue to be organized to pick up the debris around our local bodies of water, as well as to clean up trash that has been washed down the storm inlets.

It is also the pollutants that you don't necessarily see that also are both a hazard to the cleanliness of our bodies of water and a danger to the marine life that live there. Pet waste, grass, oil, lawn fertilizer, and chemicals all contribute to the degradation of the water quality.

How Pennsauken Battles Stormwater Pollution

The Township has adopted several or-

dinances which are intended to stop pollutants from going down the drain in the first place. For example, Pennsauken has had a litter ordinance on the books for many years. It is illegal to dump or drop litter of any kind on public or private property. Stormwater pollution aside, not littering is simply essential for the appearance of the Township and the quality of life of its residents. Too often, we see motorists throw cigarettes into the street, or drop fast food wrappers from the meal they just ate. Not only is it disgusting, it's against the law.

Since trash creates serious problems when washed down an inlet, an ordinance was adopted that requires dumpsters and other trash containers to be covered at all times. This not only stops trash from blowing into the street, but also helps keeps liquids from leaching out

and getting washed into the storm sewers. We ask Pennsauken businesses to be especially diligent to keep their dumpsters covered and to avoid overfilling them with too much trash. Not only does this help prevent stormwater pollution, but steps like these help to maintain a high quality of appearance for businesses throughout town. We're truly keeping our community "clean and green."

The Township also requires pet owners to clean up after their animals. While there's an ordinance in place, this just makes common sense. Pet waste is to be properly disposed of in the trash. For example, when walking your dog, make sure you bring a plastic bag to clean up after them. Dog owners can also use the Bow Wow Dog Park at Cooper and Collins Ave. Receptacles are available

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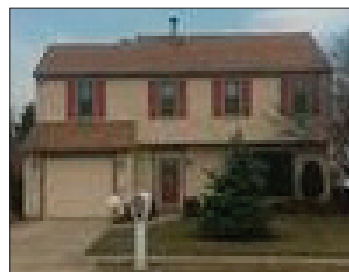
Cinnaminson - Meadowview

Gorgeous and spacious home in desirable Meadowview features 4 bedroom 2.5 bath, 9+ Foot Ceiling, hardwood floors, New carpet, freshly painted, expanded 2-story family room w/ a fireplace, master bedroom has oversized closets, a private bathroom, with Jacuzzi Tub & ceramic tiles. Property has an open spacious Kitchen with granite Countertops, ceramic tiled floors, all new stainless steel appliances, 2 car garage, large back yard and much more! A must see! \$469,900



Pennsauken - Great Opportunity

This Large Triplex has everything it needs to live on one unit and rent out the other two. All units washer, dryer, refrigerators. All units have separate heaters, hot water heaters and electrical panels. Roof 15 yrs. Water \$590 yr, Sewer \$600 yr, CCMUA \$1585 yr. The lower level, 2 bdrm unit has Central A/C and a gas fireplace. 3 car detached garage with electricity and ample parking for all tenants. Close to bus stop. Walking distance to Merchantville shopping. \$239,000



Pennsauken - Chadwyck

Awesome FOUR Bed Colonial Located On A Quiet Cul-De-Sac In Chadwyck. Home Features Formal Living Room, Formal Dining Room, Updated Kitchen, Fr With Sliders Leading To Patio Overlooking Huge Fenced In Yard With Shed. All Rooms Are Good Sized And Have Ample Closet Space. \$174,900



Maple Shade - This is no drive by!

Rancher featuring 2 bedroom, 2 bath nice size living room, eat-in-kitchen vaulted ceilings, room, oversized garage and this home also features an oversized backyard that backs up to an open field. This home is great for entertaining and gatherings. This property is in a great locations with lots of privacy. \$138,900



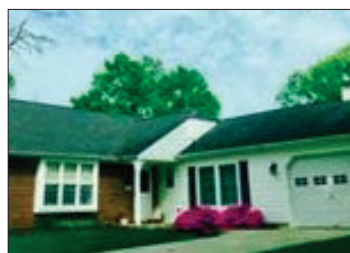
Marlton - Woodstream

Beautiful brick front colonial featuring L/R, D/R, eat-in-kitchen, 4 bedrooms, 1 1/2 baths, central air, gas heat and replacement windows. Walking distance to public elementary school (Van Zant). Updated throughout, very clean. In-ground pool with patio in back yard, great for entertaining. Ready to go, can settle anytime. \$279,900



Cherry Hill - Wellington West Reduced

Home Features A Formal LR & Dr, Nice Sized Eat In Kitchen, FR On Lower Level With A Wet Bar Which Is Great For Entertaining, There Is Also A Florida Room With Views Of The In Ground Pool And Deck. 4 Or 5 Bedroom Depending On What You Want To Do With It. Lower Level Has Its Own Entrance. It Can Be Used As An Office, In Law Suite, Or Simply Additional Living Space. There Is Also A Basement. One Side Is That Currently Is Used As A Game Room. The Other Side Is Used As Storage Space. Pool Is Operational, There Are Some Missing Tiles And Cosmetic Repairs Needed. \$317,900



Pennsauken - Chadwyck

This Ranch Style Home has been lovingly maintained Pride of Ownership is evident throughout Living room that has a cozy gas fire place. The full eat-in kitchen is spacious and perfect for hosting family holiday dinners! There are 4 generous sized bedrooms. A new sprinkler system with a rain sensor and controller has been recently installed. The back yard features a shed with electricity and heat, and could easily be used as a workshop, man cave, or office- the possibilities are endless! \$215,900



Pennsauken - Great Potential!

3 bedrooms and a full bath on the main floor. Eat in kitchen, spacious living. The home offers hard wood floor throughout and plenty of closet space and a full basement. This home is being so as is. The seller will make no repairs and the buyer is responsible for obtaining the Certificate of Occupancy from Pennsauken township and making any repairs required by the lender. Home inspection is for informational purposes only. 203k Buyers, Cash Buyers and Investors would be ideal. This will not last long!!!! \$99,900



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WAGSWORLD An Update On Bob The Cat And Other Animal Reports

By Bob Wagner,
Columnist

I was sitting on the back steps last night, chatting with Bob the cat. I haven't written about Bob in quite a while, and was telling Bob just that. Bob is holding up nicely, and is once again in the company of two very small "Bobettes." This batch of kittens is quite friendly, and don't run off and hide under the car. They romp and roll on the concrete, a discrete distance from human touch, but close enough to charge in if a dish of food materializes. But I digress!

Bob and company, along with a few other cats with full tails, own the alley. And they must be incredible mousers, because I haven't seen one mouse in the

alley in a year. I have, however, seen more than one inside my house. Worse than me seeing one, is the bride seeing one instead. Suffice it to say, I am running a major trap line in my domicile.

Bob and company have done way too good a job of chasing the mice inside. As I spoke of this to Bob, the bride yelled out the kitchen door for my immediate attention. A snapping trap sound needed investigation. I still prefer the famous, wooden Victor snap traps my dad used. Perhaps even his dad used the same. I should look up the history of these "snap on your fingers as you set them down" little traps. I once tried the much quieter sticky paper traps. They stuck to the dog, and then to the bride. Since the trapping business is entirely mine, I have gone

back to the old, tried and true Victor mouse traps, of Lititz, Pa.

But back to the present. I have a tail caught mouse trapped in a two-pound coffee can in the kitchen. A brick sits atop the can, keeping said mouse securely imprisoned until the sun gets up higher, and the cats show up for breakfast. I shall release the mouse. It is my sincere hope that Bob and company will make this a valuable hunting lesson. I am also hoping the cats don't chase the mouse back into my basement, where I would have to start all over again, with a now well-educated trap avoider.

I shall report more later. For now, I must go and check my line, replace the sometime cleaned off traps, and put on new peanut butter. Then I have to curse

and complain as I catch a finger in a hard to reach trap. Then, I'll take a nap.

I do have one observation to report. When questioned by friends of the bride as to why I don't use the services of a commercial, professional exterminator, I say this: "I do! He puts down bait, assures the bride that the mice will all rush outside to expire, and the mice will be gone in no time at all."

In fact, I just saw the exterminator out in the alley, putting down big cans of the really good tuna, for Bob and company. Apparently, he works hand in hand with the alley cats. I am off, in search of more peanut butter, band aids, and a sympathetic listener.

Happy fall, ya'll.

PENNSAUKEN OCTOBER PUBLIC MEETINGS

Township Committee
5:30 p.m. Wednesday,
October 4, 18 and 25

Zoning Board of Adjustment
7:00 p.m. Wednesday,
October 4 and 18

Planning Board
6:30 p.m. Tuesday,
October 3 and 24

Meetings are open to the public
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Public Notice For A Proposed Diversion Of Parkland In Pennsauken Township

The Township of Pennsauken, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A-13.5 et seq. and N.J.A.C. 7:36-26.8 of the Green Acres regulations, will file a request with the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, Green Acres Program, proposing to divert a total of approximately 0.17 acres of parkland situated within Block 2218, Lot 1 on the tax maps of the Township of Pennsauken, Camden County. The diversion is required as part of the installation and operation of an underground electric transmission line for Public Service Electric and Gas Company's (PSE&G) Southern Reinforcement Program. This application is subject to NJDEP Commissioner and State House Commission approval, and once filed, will be available for review at the Pennsauken Township Clerk's office at 5605 North Crescent

Bld., Pennsauken Township, N.J. 08110 and at the NJDEP Green Acres Program offices, located at 501 East State St., First Floor, Trenton, N.J., 08625-0412.

A public hearing will be held on Thursday, Oct. 26, 7:00 p.m. at the Pennsauken Township Municipal Building, 5605 North Crescent Blvd., Pennsauken Township, N.J. 08110. All interested parties are invited to attend and participate in the public hearing. In addition to oral comments presented during the hearing, written comments may be submitted to the agencies listed below. All written comments must be received within two weeks following the hearing, by November 9, 2017.

The proposed parkland diversion is located on the edge of Bethel Field, adjacent to the Pennsauken Township Police Department and Municipal Courthouse parking lot. In accordance

with N.J.A.C. 7:36-26. 10(e), monetary compensation will be provided by PSE&G to Pennsauken Township for parkland acquisition or improvements. Information regarding this diversion request can be obtained by contacting Thomas Patterson of Public Service and Gas Company at (609) 213-8546.

Comments on the diversion request may be directed to Pennsauken Township Parks and Recreation Department by phone at (856) 665-1000 x151, and in writing to 5605 North Crescent Blvd., Pennsauken Township, N.J. 08110; Attn: Bethel Field Comments. Please send a copy of any comments submitted on this request to the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, Green Acres Program, Bureau of Legal Services and Stewardship, P.O. Box 420, Trenton, N.J. 08625-0420.

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Pennsauken Community Comes Together To Help Hurricane Victims



Pennsauken Township, in conjunction with the town's police, fire department, and EMS, held a special donation drive on Sept. 9 to help those affected by Hurricane Harvey and Irma.

Members of the Pennsauken community recently came together to help those affected by the devastation caused by Hurricanes Harvey and Irma. Pennsauken Township, in conjunction with the town's police, fire department, and EMS, held a special donation drive on Sept. 9 to help those in need.

"Our community really came together to help those less fortunate," says Township Committeeman Bill Orth. "Pennsauken has a rich history of rallying around their neighbors, even if they're over a thousand miles away."

Pennsauken Offices, Library, Public Schools Closed For Columbus Day



This statue of Christopher Columbus, who is recognized this month, can be found at Cooper River Park in Pennsauken. Pennsauken Township's administrative offices, the Pennsauken Free Public Library, and Pennsauken Public Schools will be closed on Monday, Oct. 9 in observance of Columbus Day. Trash and recycling pickup remains on a regular schedule that week. Photo credit: Waymarking.com.

Throughout the day, Pennsauken residents stopped by several donation points set up around town, dropping off bottled water, toiletries, clothing, and more. Many individuals, including a shy young man who emptied his piggy bank, also made financial contributions to help those less fortunate.

"We couldn't be more proud of our residents," says Pennsauken Mayor Betsy McBride. "We thank Bill Orth, our first responders, and the many volunteers who helped make this donation drive possible."

In just a few hours, over \$1,200 was donated for the American Red Cross, who is providing shelter, food, and comfort to families affected by the hurricanes.

A tractor trailer donated by Old Dominion transported the many donations of water and supplies to Northeast Philadelphia Airport, where it was combined with other local donations and sent to the U.S. Virgin Islands, which experienced catastrophic damage during Hurricane Irma.

To learn more about what the American Red Cross is doing to help, visit www.redcross.org/about-us/our-work/disaster-relief/hurricane-relief. For more on organizations actively helping with hurricane relief, or to make a financial donation, visit <http://helpnynow.org/special-donations/>.



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TRICK OR TREATING IN PENNSAUKEN

The countdown to "Operation: Trick or Treat" has begun. Kids are already planning not just their Halloween costumes, but their trick or treat route as well, making sure to hit the houses in town that have the good stuff. To keep Pennsauken's boys and ghouls safe this Halloween, the Township has an ordinance in place.

Pennsauken has a curfew in place not

just on Oct. 31, but the two days prior to Halloween. During this period, any minor under the age of 16, regardless of where they live, is not allowed out on the streets of Pennsauken after the hour of 8:00 p.m. unless accompanied by a parent or legal guardian. Your buddy who just turned 18 isn't going to cut it. It has to be an adult who's legally responsible for you.

Trick or treating is for kids, not adults. It's unlawful for anyone over the age of 14 to go out trick or treating, unless you're acting as a chaperone. And unfortunately, chaperones can't ask for any candy or treats. They have to wait until they get home to help their kids "sort" the candy. Trick or treating on Oct. 31 runs from 4:30 to 8:00 p.m.

TOUCH-A-TRUCK AND TRUNK OR TREAT EVENT HELD ON OCTOBER 29

The Pennsauken School District and the Pennsauken Education Association are sponsoring a joint trunk or treat and touch-a-truck event on Sunday, Oct. 29, 1:00 to 4:00 p.m., at Pennsauken High School, 800 Hylton Rd. This free event encourages children from pre-K through eighth grade to wear their Halloween costumes and enjoy a variety of fun activities.

Members of the Pennsauken School District staff will have their vehicles dec-

orated and will be distributing candy to participants. Children will also have a hands-on opportunity to explore various vehicles, including dump trucks, fire engines, and more. There will be a face painter available throughout the event; and PHS students and members from the school's Leo Club will have decorated the 300 wing of the high school as a "Halloween Hallway."

Attendees will be allowed to park

their cars in the parking lot closest to the football stadium. In the case of inclement weather, the "trunk or treat" portion of the event will be held in the 300 wing of the high school.

For more information on the event, visit Pennsauken.net.

Parents and guardians are responsible for their own children. Please keep an eye on children and inspect the treats your child receives to ensure their safety.

HAUNTED HAY RIDE AND "BITE NIGHT" HELD ON OCTOBER 25

This month, two popular Pennsauken events are combined into one: the Township's annual Haunted Hay Ride and the "Bite Night" Food Truck Event.

Both events will be held on Wednesday, Oct. 25 from 6:15 to 9:00 p.m. at the softball field behind the Pennsauken Police Administration Building at Rt. 130 and Bethel Ave.

Sponsored by the Township's Youth Action Committee, the Haunted Hay Ride features ghosts, ghouls, goblins and the walking dead providing scary fun for the whole family, as guests ride around in a hay wagon pulled by a tractor. It's a great bargain, as the cost for the Haunted Hay Ride is just \$2.00 per person.

Volunteers are once again needed for

this year's Haunted Hay Ride. Generous students and residents are asked to dress up as ghosts, ghouls, goblins, vampires and zombies to help provide some scary fun for hay ride goers. As this is a family event, risqué costumes are not allowed.

To sign up as a volunteer, or for more information about Pennsauken's Haunted Hay Ride, e-mail Elwood Martz at emartz@twp.pennsauken.nj.us or call (856) 665-1000 x151.

The event will also feature several food trucks, all of which offer items that are easy to walk around with. Most food trucks are cash only, although some can handle credit card transactions. Due to parking limitations, there will not be seating available at the event.



The Pennsauken Youth Action Committee Haunted Hay Ride and the "Bite Night" Food Truck event will be held on Wednesday, Oct. 25.

For more information, visit the Township's web site at www.twp.pennsauken.nj.us.

TREATS FOR TROOPS COLLECTS HALLOWEEN CANDY FOR SOLDIERS AND VETS

Dr. "K" Orthodontics, located at 5924 Westfield Ave. Pennsauken, is an official drop-off site for Halloween candy to benefit the Treats for Troops program hosted by Soldiers' Angels, a national non-profit that provides aid and comfort to the men and women of the United States Army, Marines, Navy, Air Force, Coast Guard, their families, and a growing veteran population.

This annual collection drive takes excess Halloween candy and ships it to deployed service members around the world for a sweet treat from home.

THIS HALLOWEEN, CHANNEL 19 TURNS INTO "CHANNEL NIGHT SCREAM"

By Frank Sinatra, AAP Editor

It's no trick. For the fifth year in a row, Pennsauken residents tuning into Channel 19 will be treated to a wide variety of horror movies, from cult favorites to extreme camp.

This Halloween, Pennsauken Television will present "Channel Night Scream," a day-long horror movie marathon, airing several horror movies available from the public domain. Viewers can watch silent classics such as "Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde," featuring John Barrymore; cult horror gem "The Brain That Wouldn't Die;" and "Attack of the Giant Leeches," a film that "sucks" on many levels. The programming culminates with George A. Romero's zombie masterpiece, "Night of the Living Dead."



For a schedule of the upcoming horror flicks, be sure to visit Pennsauken Television online at PennsaukenTV.com as well as [Facebook.com/PennsaukenTV](https://www.facebook.com/PennsaukenTV).

ADDITIONAL HALLOWEEN EVENTS

Gothic Grimoire Masquerade Ball

Aradia's Treasure Metaphysical Shop, 19 N. Centre St., Merchantville, is hosting a Gothic Grimoire Masquerade Ball on Friday, Oct. 13. Held from 7:00 to 11:00 p.m., the event features food, dance, and entertainment. Prizes will be given out for the most enchanting costumes. Free tarot readings with admission price. Tickets are available in store during normal business hours. For more information, call (856) 488-8187.

Haunted House

The Merchantville School District hosts its annual Haunted House on Friday, Oct. 20 and Saturday, Oct. 21 at Merchantville School, 130 S. Centre St. A less scary version of the haunted house appropriate for smaller children runs from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m.; and the really spooky fun runs from

7:00 to 9:30 p.m. Admission is \$3 for children 14 and under, \$5 for adults; concessions are also available for purchase. For more info, call (856) 663-1091.

Halloween For The Kids At Griffith Morgan House

"Halloween for the Kids," returns to haunt the Griffith Morgan House, located at 243 Griffith Morgan Ln., right off of River Rd. Held on Saturday, Oct. 21, from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., the fun, games, and goodies will include kids' crafts and activities, a pumpkin patch, special Halloween themed tours of the old house and the lore of the season! Ghoulish, ghoulish grownups too will enjoy the day with a historic look back at some of the lore from the petrifying past of Pennsauken! This will be a fun day for all, both friendly and frightful! Admission is free, but some activities may require a nominal fee to defray the expense. Just don't go into the old house alone—it's much more fun with family and friends!

Trunk Or Treat

Martin Luther Chapel will be holding its second annual Trunk or Treat on Sunday, Oct. 29, from noon to 2:00 p.m., in the school parking lot on Baker Ave. at the corner of Rt. 130. Last year's event was a BIG HIT, so the school is planning to have even more cars and more people attend this year. Each of the decorated cars will have candy to hand out and games to play! Plenty of photo ops will be available as well. The entire event is FREE for children of all ages in creative costumes to trick or treat in a safe place.

THE RETURN OF ALL AROUND PENNSAUKEN'S INTERACTIVE TRICK OR TREAT MAP

Wish more kids came to your house to trick or treat? Tired of knocking on doors where no one answers? Is the prospect of eating all that leftover candy exhausting? Register your house with All Around Pennsauken's Interactive Trick or Treat Map!

Enter your address at AllAroundPennsauken.com—look for the web banner at the top of each page—and we'll post an interactive map that Pennsauken and Merchantville's trick or treaters can access a few days before Halloween.

Only homes in Pennsauken and Merchantville will be accepted for the Interactive Trick or Treat Map. Submissions will be accepted through Friday, Oct. 27. Information submitted to the Interactive Trick or Treat Map is solely provided by the general public. All Around Pennsauken is not responsible for any incorrect information provided. Trick or treaters should always be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian. Please use caution and common sense when participating in trick or treating.

We Shall Never Forget: Pennsauken Remembers The 16th Anniversary Of 9/11

By Judith Kristen, AAP Columnist

Sixteen years have passed since that ill-fated day in New York City, Washington, D.C., and Shanksville, Pa. And, every day ever since that beautiful, clear, and perfect periwinkle morning turned the skies and our world a dark and dismal grey, we have proven ourselves over and over again against the ravages of terrorism, narrow-mindedness, and Mother Nature.

Since September 11, 2001, we have been through devastating earthquakes and wildfires that have destroyed millions of acres of our homeland. There were hurricanes: Katrina, Sandy, Harvey, and Irma; and as I write this, prayers go out to our fellow Americans in Puerto Rico as they deal with the devastation caused by Hurricane Maria.

And yet, we move forward. We help with our bare hands; we donate blood; we rescue and adopt those sweet animals left in the muck and mire of such disasters. We set up online fundraising campaigns; we send clothing, school supplies, groceries, and bottled water; we pack up our cars, trucks, and SUVs and head to the disaster itself. Because that's what we do. Because we are all Americans. And because when one of us needs



Each year, 2,997 American flags, one for each individual who lost their life during the attacks, are placed throughout Pennsauken's 9/11 Memorial.

help, it's the job of our heart to do something about it.

I have travelled hundreds of thousands of miles over my lifetime. I have lived in Europe for eight and a half years, and I still have wonderful, long time friends from all of those countries. And while there are times they shake their heads over what happens here in America, I can tell you this in all honesty, they admire us a great deal as a people. They see our loving hearts, our acts of kindness and charity, our compassion and sacrifices; and in the face of adversity, when others have mocked

everything good we stand for, they have also seen who we are when the chips are down and the world watches us stumble, only to see us stand up again, even stronger than we were before. We know who we are and what we're made of.

This Sept. 11, here in our own Pennsauken, I was once again a witness to the selfless and loving acts of remembrance, loyalty, heart, and dedication of over 130 of our neighbors, friends, active military, veterans, and first responders. I encounter the same faces I see each year and the new ones I know I will see again on the

17th anniversary of the terror attacks.

The placing of 2,997 American flags at Pennsauken's 9/11 Memorial is a touching and heartfelt moment that continues

to bond us; it reminds us of those who lost their lives in this senseless act and of the men and women who gave their lives

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Head Of Gloucester County Chamber To Speak At Next PMAC Luncheon

Les Vail, president and CEO of the Gloucester County Chamber of Commerce, will be the guest speaker at the upcoming Pennsauken-

Merchantville Area Chamber of Commerce (P.M.A.C.) networking luncheon on Wednesday, Oct. 11 at Marco's at the Pennsauken Country Club, 3800 Had-

Vail has been a member of the organization since its infancy in February 2001; from there, he quickly became active, chairing the Ambassador and Donations Committee. Within a year, he was ap-

pointed to the board of directors; there he served for eight years. In 2007, Mr. Vail was elected to be the Chairman of the Board and served in this role until July 2010.

"We're very much looking forward to hearing from Les



Vail

and seeing how P.M.A.C. can leverage the successes of this great, long standing business organization," says Ann Marie McCusker, president of P.M.A.C.

Sign-in begins at 11:30 a.m. on Oct. 11, with the meeting starting at noon. Admission is \$20 per person. Attendees are asked to R.S.V.P. to Nancy Ellis at (856) 438-0833 or pmac1team@gmail.com by Monday, Oct. 9.

PMAC Beef And Bowl Held On October 21

The Pennsauken-Merchantville Area Chamber of Commerce (P.M.A.C.) is hosting a special Beef and Bowl event on Saturday, Oct. 21. Held from 7:00 to 11:00 p.m. at Pinsetter Bar and Bowl, 7111 Maple Ave., Pennsauken, the event features four hours of bowling and shoe rental; buffet from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m.; VIP lounge and cash bar; door prizes; and more.

"We're excited to host this event at Pinsetter Bar and Bowl," says Ann Marie

McCusker, president of P.M.A.C. "This is not a business networking event. We're inviting the community to join our members for a fun night out."

Tickets are just \$25 per person; proceeds will go to support P.M.A.C.'s mission to promote local business growth in the community.

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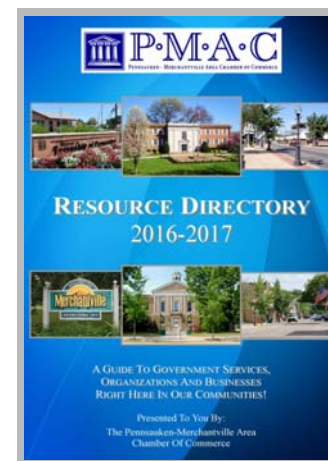
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Pennsauken Awarded \$25,000 Grant To Enhance Johnson Park

Pennsauken's Johnson Park is scheduled to receive a \$25,000 facelift, thanks to a grant from the Camden County Open Space Preservation Trust Fund. The Freeholder Board has approved the recommendations of the Open Space Preservation Trust Fund Advisory Committee to award the 2017 Recreation Facility Enhancement Project Grants. The grants, totaling \$824,860 this year, are funded through the Camden County Open Space Preservation Trust Fund and are presented to existing publicly owned recreation facilities planning to expand their utilization for recreational purposes. Pennsauken Township is one of 23 Camden County communities that

will be receiving funds through this initiative.

"These grants are an opportunity to build and enhance our parks and playgrounds throughout the county. We know these passive and active recreational offerings make Camden County a special place to live and improve our overall quality of life," said Freeholder Jeffery L. Nash, liaison to the Open Space Preservation Trust Fund Advisory Committee. "This year's applications represented a wide range of projects throughout the county. We appreciate the hard work and planning that went into each request."

Pennsauken Township is receiving

\$25,000 to upgrade Johnson Park, located at Bethel and Norwood avenues. The park will undergo a variety of improvements, including the repaving of the basketball court; repairing and replacing playground equipment; landscaping the play areas with engineered playground mulch; and adding both a Pickleball court and walking path. Work is scheduled to start later this month.

"We're excited to receive this grant and to be able to enhance one of Pennsauken's many parks," says Elwood Martz, head of the Township's Department of Parks and Recreation. "Johnson Park is a great place for our residents to spend time outdoors with their families. I think frequent park goers will be extremely pleased with the work we have planned."

The grant application for Johnson Park was written and coordinated by Martz and Amy Schmalbach. These Township employees, along with other members of the municipal staff, have



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volunteered to apply for numerous grants over the past 10 years. Their ef-

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SENIORCORNER

By Sonny DiSabato,
Senior Citizen Coordinator

Hello fellow seniors.

The Camden County Board of Freeholders, in conjunction with The Big Event Entertainment Experience, presents a FREE day of billiards and bowling for Camden County Seniors age 55 and older. The event is held on Wednesday, Oct. 18, as well as Wednesday, Dec. 6 at The Big Event Entertainment Experience, 1536 Kings Highway North,

Seniors Can Enjoy A Free Day Of Billiards And Bowling

Cherry Hill, NJ. Times for both days run from noon to 2:00 p.m.

Whether you are an old pro interested in learning/trying for the first time, there will be something for everyone to enjoy! Your day will include three free rounds of bowling; complimentary shoe rental; open billiards rooms; complimentary coffee and doughnuts; instructional coaching for first timers; as well as a complimentary all beef hot dog, bag of chips and a soft-drink. There will be Playdrome staff on hand to help you with in-

structions and any questions that you might have.

Slots for this event are limited (40) and RSVPs will be on a first come, first served basis. To RSVP, contact Tom Castellano by calling (856) 858-2986 or by e-mailing tcastellano@camden-county.com.

Senior Golf Lessons

The Camden County Board of Freeholders presents free Senior Golf Lessons at the Camden County Golf

Academy, 8001 South Rt. 130, in Pennsauken. Classes will be offered at 10:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. on Oct. 3, 4, 10, and 11. Visit CamdenCounty.com to register online, or contact Cliff Still at (856) 216-2157 or cstill@camdencounty.com for more information.

Learn Pickleball

Residents can take advantage of free pickleball lessons Thursdays at 4:00 p.m. and Saturdays at 10:30 a.m.; lessons take place at the tennis courts on Browning

Rd. in Pennsauken. Free lessons and paddles will be available. E-mail penn-spickleball@gmail.com for more information.

Wishing you good health and happiness. Please remember to say a prayer for our men and women currently serving our country overseas. May they come home safe and sound.

Pennsauken Historical Society Hosts First Sundays

With the start of fall, Pennsauken's historic homes open their doors for guests looking for a unique way to enjoy a crisp, autumn day!

Both Griffith Morgan House and Burrough-Dover House will be open on Sunday, Oct. 1, as well as Sunday, Nov. 5, with free admission from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. Enjoy tours of house and museum, learn about Pennsauken's rich history, and more! Light refreshments will be served and there is plenty of free parking at both houses.



Burrough-Dover House is located at 9201 Burrough-Dover Lane off Hadsonfield Rd., opposite the Wyndam Rd.



Griffith Morgan House is located at 243 Griffith Morgan Lane off River Rd. between Delair and Route 73.

In addition to public events, both homes are open for tours, events and research by prior appointment.

Visit the Griffith Morgan House or Pennsauken Historical Society pages or the group "Pennsauken History Forum" on Facebook for more details or directions or call (856) 486-9561 and leave a message for more information or e-mail to pennsaukenhistoricalsociety@gmail.com. Be sure to contact Pennsauken Historical Society or Griffith Morgan Committee about volunteer opportunities!



Tip of the Month

If you take your children out trick-or-treating, be sure to apply reflective tape to your child's costume to ensure they are seen by drivers on the road. Help younger children cross the street, especially at busy intersections. And when sorting through candy at the end of the night, be sure to throw out candy that is not in its original wrapper, or looks like it has been opened.

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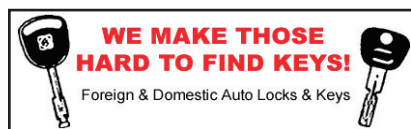


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GRAYMATTERS

Enjoying Halloween From The Other Side Of The Trick Or Treat Door

By Judith Kristen, AAP Columnist

Once again it's time for ghoulies, ghosties, long-legged beasties, and things that go bump in the night. It's time for HALLOWEEN!

And, that means it's time for me to reminisce about those childhood Halloween of mine back in the 1950s.

Back in those days Halloween was more than just a one-day event. There was Oct. 29 – soap night – where we would swipe a bar of Ivory from the bathroom cabinet and go out and soap the windows of local cars and store windows – not with any ugly graffiti, but with faces of Halloween cats, ghosts, goblins, and the like. And, every once in a while, we'd soap a loving note to Mrs. McGonagle that we were all looking forward to her home-made apple taffies on the 31st. Hey, a kid's gotta' do what a kid's gotta' do.

There was Oct. 30 – mischief night. Well, in all honesty, I was the kind of kid who was a tad on the mischievous side all year round, so my mother usually asked me to sit that night out and give the other kids a chance at it.

Then, drum roll please, came the night we all waited for – Oct. 31! Halloween!

All of my friends would gather together at the Bierman's house and we'd happily march off down the street. No longer were we just Judy, Carole, Maryjo, Phyllis, or Andy; we were Oz's Wicked Witch, a beautiful Bavarian princess, a Ringling Brothers Clown, a Cowgirl, and a mystical gypsy from a far off land. All five of us would head off to our neighbors' homes with our best

"Trick or treat!" voices and our pillowcases – no fancy-schmantzy Halloween bags back then. We'd watch them fill up with all kinds of goodies: huge Nestlé Crunch bars, Resse's Peanut Butter Cups, Milky Ways, Snickers bars, and Double Bubble gum, complete with a Joe Palooka cartoon inside the wrapper... and Mrs. McGonagle's famous red candied apple taffies.

As kids did then, kids do now... we'd empty our pillowcases onto the kitchen table to assess the wealth and even eat a candy bar or two before bedtime, where visions of sugar plums danced in our heads and in our tummies as well, sometimes under not the best of circumstances.

So now that I've been on the other side of the trick or treat door for the last 55 years or so, I want you to know how much I still enjoy this holiday. I see myself in days gone by with every trick or treater who comes to our front door.

I see the fun of it, the joy in it, and I know how fleeting those times are, so I make sure I talk to the kids, and tell them how great they look and ask them if they're having fun... and I get smiles and answers from Batman, Wonder Woman, Daniel Tiger, and even a few cowgirls, Oz's witches, and gypsies.

It's a really wonderful day and a fun and magical night! Open your door to the joy of what's awaiting you on the other side. No matter how old you are, you're gonna' find that kid in you again. And truthfully, what can be better than that!

Peace and love and apple taffies for everyone! ~Judy

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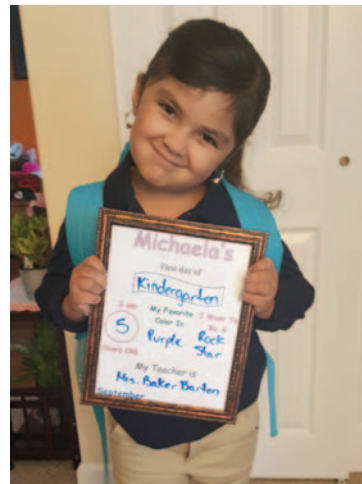
Students in Pennsauken were excited for the first day back to school!
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Building A Strong Team For The 2017-2018 School Year



To prepare for the upcoming school year, teachers and staff from the Pennsauken School District participated in fun, team building exercises.

PHS Music Programs Ready For Another Season Of Competition



The Pennsauken High School Apache Marching Band is ready to have another successful competition season this fall.

By Linda Colander, PHS "Band Mom"

The Pennsauken High School Apache Marching Band has been practicing religiously since school ended in June to prepare for the upcoming competition season this fall. Our Pennsauken Marching Band, Indoor Drumline and Color Guard continue to be part of one of the most successful music programs in the Atlantic Coast.

The Pennsauken High School Marching Band has been the reigning state champion since 2015. The band also placed second at the Atlantic Coast Championships in Hershey in 2016 and was awarded High Guard and Percussion. This past winter, the Indoor Guard placed sixth in the world championships in Dayton, Ohio. The Independent Drumline was also against stiff competition this season, and placed first in the Atlantic Coast Championships in Wildwood.

Congratulations to all who participated in our award winning music programs this past school year. The instructors that assisted these students to achieve greatness in these programs also need to be congratulated for their program development and perseverance, encouraging our youth to reach for the stars and succeed. With the support of the community and school administration, the band looks forward to another great season.

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Pennsauken High School

Snyder And Zino Honored As “Mr. And Miss Pennsauken”



Billy Snyder and Bridget Zino were recognized as “Mr. and Miss Pennsauken” by the Board of Education and the Pennsauken School District.

During the first day back for Pennsauken School District staff, two teachers were recognized by the Board of Education and the District for their dedication and support.

Pennsauken High School science teacher Billy Snyder was awarded the title of “Mr. Pennsauken;” and Bridget Zino, media specialist at the high school was honored as “Miss Pennsauken.”

“Miss Zino and Mr. Snyder are wonderful examples of the great and dedicated teachers we have in the Pennsauken School District,” says Dr. Ronnie Tarchichi, superintendent of schools for Pennsauken. “We thank them, as well as all of our teachers throughout the District, for their hard work and commitment to the students of the Pennsauken community.”

Welcome To The Lion’s Den: Kindergarten Friends Prepare for Success



Kindergarten students and their parents were welcomed to Longfellow Elementary during the school’s kindergarten orientation.

Longfellow Elementary opened its school doors proudly to parents and students at the beginning of September for this year’s kindergarten orientation. Mrs. Doyle, Ms. Grant, and Mrs. Jalosjos, kindergarten teachers at Longfellow, greeted families with excitement, smiles, and hugs as they entered the building for this special event. Principal Gery addressed all in attendance with enthusiasm and expectations for a successful

start to the upcoming school year. Nurse Conn, Secretary Ms. McGowan, PTA President Maria James, and Educational Assistant Mrs. K. were also in attendance to welcome and support families with key resources and information.

Parents and students alike enjoyed touring their new school, engaging in classroom activities, and learning about fun and exciting areas of the curriculum they are yet to explore.

Teamwork makes the dream work and the Longfellow Lions are off to a roaring start this school year!

PENNSAUKEN SCHOOL NEWS

For further information about the articles or events published in the Pennsauken School News section of “All Around Pennsauken” please contact:

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Board of Education Meeting

The Pennsauken Township Board of Education will hold its monthly meeting on Tuesday, Oct. 17, 7:00 p.m. at the Administration Office, 1695 Hylton Rd., Pennsauken, N.J. 08110. The public is invited to attend.

Prior to the meeting at the Administrative Office, Dr. Tarchichi will hold the monthly “Coffee and Conversation with the Superintendent” from 5:00 to 6:00 p.m. During this time, parents or residents can come and ask questions regarding any topic within the school district.

Welcoming Back Students To Franklin Elementary



There were plenty of hugs and smiles as staff at Franklin Elementary School welcomed back students for a new year of learning and fun!

Longfellow Spirit Day At Chick-Fil-A On October 16

Don’t cook! Longfellow’s first fundraiser of the year will be held on Monday, Oct. 16 from 6:30 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. at the Cherry Hill Chick-fil-a, 400 Haddonfield

Rd., across from the Cherry Hill Mall.

Mention “Longfellow” when you place your order and a portion of the proceeds will go to benefit the school!

The Pennsauken Music Program: A Performer’s Perspective

By Rebecca Stallard, 10th Grade, Pennsauken High School

The music program at Pennsauken High School has a long-standing reputation for excellence in the performing arts. Our program has achieved 40 championship titles in the last 15 years. The members of these groups take their art seriously. Each group maintains a rigorous practice schedule, perfecting their art form. Our efforts to succeed have reaped great results for our school, as we continue to be a formidable force in music and performing art competitions. Our success is envied by other area school districts.

The members of our marching band and guard also support our school by attending many of our high school football games, cheering on our fellow classmates to win! Braving the elements of the day, we play for our football team and our friends to score that next touchdown! We take pride in our school and are willing participants to support any school activity or function we are asked to perform at. Our final performance is one for our community, the Pennsauken Holiday Parade, holding high the Amer-

ican Flag as we play music to celebrate the season.

Even with all the obstacles we are faced with during our competition seasons to make our music come alive, we still find time to enjoy ourselves. Unforgettable memories are made and unbreakable bonds are formed during our time in this wonderful music program. We would not trade them for the world. We have learned from our instructors that perseverance and teamwork are valuable lessons, so that when we graduate from Pennsauken High School and pursue our career choice, we will be well prepared to meet any challenge.

Our PHS band alumni also give back to their community in various positions within our school district, returning as teachers, support staff, administrators, and board of education members. They have returned because of the positive experiences they had at Pennsauken High School. Pennsauken has produced outstanding citizens over the years who have achieved success, all because of the educational opportunities offered at Pennsauken High School.

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By the Pennsauken Board of Education: Nick Perry, President; Allyson Meloni-Scavuzzo, Vice President; Cheryl Duffy; Michael Hurley; Diane Johnson; Leona Moss; Jennifer Slattery; Orlando Viera; and JoAnn Young

Summer Enrichment Program A Huge Success

This past summer, for the first time ever, the Pennsauken School District offered a summer enrichment program for all children in Pennsauken Township. Rather than the traditional summer school model of years past, the summer enrichment program focused on maximizing retention of information learned over the school year. Our June Board Bits article, which is available on the Pennsauken School District website, was dedicated to a detailed expla-

nation of the program.

The summer enrichment program that was launched was extraordinarily well received. All of the 250 seats available were filled quickly, which resulted in a waiting list being created. The unique program was also featured in a Philadelphia Inquirer article on July 20, which highlighted the students and teachers who were part of this wonderful experience.

On Aug. 15, approximately five days after the program concluded, students and teachers that participated in the summer enrichment program attended our monthly Board of Education Business meeting. High school students David Raymond and Medina Talebi, along with teacher and soccer coach Billy Snyder, explained their experiences with the program.

The high school summer enrichment program focused on college and career development. Students received instruction in several content areas including math, science, and English, and had the option of taking physical education or music classes. They received tutoring for



Pennsauken High School students David Raymond and Medina Talebi made a presentation to Pennsauken's Board of Education, highlighting their positive experiences with the Summer Enrichment Program.

the SAT to help prepare them for the standardized test. In fact, students who participated had an average increase of 67 points on their SAT scores, with some students boosting their score more than 150 points. Students also had the opportunity to participate in a variety of other

activities, including Lockheed Martin's training and orientation program, during one of the summer sessions. The employees of Lockheed Martin were incredibly impressed by the degree of skill and professionalism that our students demonstrated.

The members of the Board of Education were thrilled to hear first-hand accounts of the impact that this program had in the lives of children from Pennsauken. It is our role as a Board of Education to ensure the success of the students in this community and we believe that this summer enrichment program is helping us to achieve our goal.

Board Bit Of The Month

The Board of Education spent just under \$200,000 on the summer enrichment program this year. This is less than had been budgeted and less than we have spent in some previous years for traditional summer school that was offered. Educational success and financial savings too... it's a win-win for the students and the community!

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Roosevelt Elementary Holds Kindergarten Orientation

On Aug. 29, while most were still enjoying the last of their summer vacation, some new faces to Roosevelt School were enjoying their tour of the kindergarten classes of Mrs. Upshaw and Mrs. Horiates during the school's kinder-

garten orientation day. New kindergarten students and their parents got to meet the principal, Mrs. Massey, secretary, Mrs. Mediavilla, educational assistant, Mrs. Lukasiak, and nurse, Ms. Nguyen.

There was an awesome, informa-

tional PowerPoint presentation led by Mrs. Massey. Then, students and parents got to meet each kindergarten teacher in the classrooms they will soon reside for the coming months. The curriculum, educational goals, and expectations for kindergarten were discussed. The wide-eyed, soon-to-be kindergartners got to ask many important questions, as did their parents.

Once the classroom visit was over, students and parents got a personal tour of their new school. Students got a chance to visit areas of the building that house the computer lab, the art room, the music room, the library, and the all-purpose room. Excitement, anticipation, and just a little apprehension could be seen on the faces of all our new kindergarten students.

Roosevelt School wishes to extend a huge WELCOME to the kindergarten classes of 2017-2018!



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Crescent Hill Academy Offers Education, Independence To Students With Disabilities

Crescent Hill Academy, located at 7512 N. Crescent Blvd. in Pennsauken, was founded by Alfred Minicozzi more than 40 years ago for his daughter, Rose Ellen, who has cerebral palsy. Today, his son, also named Al, serves as executive director of the non-profit and has a personal commitment to providing a high quality education for children with special needs like his sister.

"We have a family environment here," says Minicozzi. "Crescent Hill Academy is a school that caters to each child's needs to the fullest extent. We encourage them in the least restrictive environment possible, providing our students with the fullest exposure to an enriching curriculum and lifestyle."

Crescent Hill Academy is fully accredited by the New Jersey Department of Special Education and has a three to one

ratio of expert teachers, aides and therapists to aid students ages 3-21. The school welcomes students with minor to severe conditions and plans the curriculum accordingly, grouping students with their peers in both age and needs. Programs and services include: individualized special education; speech language therapy that integrates New Jersey Core Curriculum content standards; physical therapy designed to help every student reach their physical potential; occupational and job therapy to promote maximum independence and productivity; and a six-week summer program that incorporates activities like field trips with prescribed academic and therapeutic programs.

"We have a lot of positives here," adds Minicozzi. "We try to give as many opportunities to our students as possible, particularly when it comes to getting them out

into the community. Our goal is to create a comprehensive environment that combines learning and progress with encouragement and independence."

Crescent Hill Academy also offers state-of-the-art technology to assist students, including smart boards, eye gaze devices for students with severe disabilities, and augmentive/alternative communication devices for students who can't speak. For parents and guardians, Crescent Hill offers group workshops and guest speakers to help them make the best decisions for their children's future.

"My father and I have dedicated our lives to helping children with disabilities," says Minicozzi. "Children deserve to enjoy life at every stage of growth. We are here to make that happen."

For more information on Crescent Hill Academy, visit <http://crescenthillacademy.org>.



Pennsauken's Crescent Hill Academy provides students with disabilities an opportunity to not only learn, but also gain independence.

Camden County Freeholders Announce Mobile Prescription Drug Drop Boxes

The Freeholder Board, local law enforcement and healthcare providers announced a new effort to increase public use and visibility of prescription drug drop boxes to combat the opioid crisis. The Camden County Addiction Awareness Task Force made it a point to install standard drop boxes located in police departments throughout the county in 2015. Now, new, mobile drop boxes located in county vehicles will begin to be deployed to events throughout the county this year.

"We know unused and expired prescription medicines are dangerous and can easily fall into the wrong hands if not disposed of properly," said Freeholder Director Louis Cappelli Jr. "The mobile drop boxes are going to make it easier

than ever to safely dispose of those dangerous pills and prescriptions. This will not be a one day event, but a concerted effort to make these units more available to the community on a consistent basis."

In the United States, 142 people are killed by a drug overdose every day. Of individuals who use heroin, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reports that 75 percent started with using prescription medication first creating a direct gateway for addiction. By taking unused medications out of people's hands and homes, Camden County can significantly reduce the likelihood of an individual taking prescription medications that they don't need or someone stealing them.

Rachel Haroz, MD, board certified

emergency medicine, toxicology and addictions medicine physician at Cooper University Health Care, said these new mobile drop boxes will provide another tool in the battle against the scourge of opioid abuse.

"To succeed in ending this epidemic, we will need to increase access to treatment, including medication assisted treatment and decrease availability of the drugs," Haroz said. "Make no mistake, limiting access to controlled prescription medication will save lives."

These new, vehicle-based drop boxes will be stationed at different public events and locations throughout the year to further the visibility and use of the safe disposal method.

"In the midst of the addiction crisis, safely disposing of unused medications can go a long way in making the community, and the environment, safer," Cappelli said. "This is a problem affecting our country that individuals can actually do a whole lot to help, and it will immediately benefit their friends and neighbors."

Drop boxes are safe, legal and free amenities to all county citizens. Locally, a drop box is installed at the Pennsauken

Police Station, 2400 Bethel Ave. Rates of prescription drug abuse, and accidental poisonings or overdoses are both extremely high in the United States. Throwing unused medicine in the trash, or flushing it down the toilet, can pose a host of other potential risks to the community and the environment.

For more information, visit the Camden County Addiction Awareness Task Force online at <http://addictions.camdencounty.com/>.

Project CHILD FIND Helps Unserved, Underserved Youth

Project CHILD FIND is a free referral service and public awareness campaign to assist in the identification of unserved/underserved youth with a delay or disability from birth through 21 years of age. In addition, Project CHILD FIND develops and distributes information to the public about early intervention services and special education programs throughout New Jersey.

Project CHILD FIND's comprehensive efforts include:

1. Assisting families of infants and toddlers, birth through two, concerned about their child's development by directing all requests regarding early intervention to the family's local Special

Child Health Case Management Unit. If you need the number for your Special Child Health Case Management Unit, call Project CHILD FIND at 1-800-322-8174.

2. Assisting families of preschoolers, three through five, concerned about their child's development by directing requests to their local school district.
3. Helping families access community services through referral.
4. Promoting community and public awareness of all children with disabilities by providing information.
5. Assisting local school district boards of education to identify unserved children from age three through 21 who are in need of special education and

related services.

Information through Project CHILD FIND may be obtained by calling the toll-free number, 1-800-322-8174, which is in service seven days a week, 24-hours a day. All calls received are confidential.

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HEALTHYLIFESTYLES Be Ready For Flu Season Now By Getting Vaccinated

While the 2017-2018 flu season generally begins in the winter months, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention actually recommend getting the annual flu vaccine now. According to the CDC, everyone six months and older should get a flu vaccine every year by the

end of October, if possible. However, getting vaccinated later is okay. Vaccination should continue throughout the flu season, even in January or later.

Getting an annual flu vaccine is the first and best way to protect yourself and your family from the flu. Flu vaccination

can reduce flu illnesses, doctors' visits, and missed work and school due to the flu, as well as prevent flu-related hospitalizations. The more people who get vaccinated, the more people will be protected from the flu, including older people, very young children, pregnant



The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommend that everyone six months and older should get a flu vaccine every year by the end of October, if possible.

women and people with certain health conditions who are more vulnerable to serious flu complications.

There are many flu viruses and they are constantly changing. The composition of U.S. flu vaccines is reviewed annually and updated to match circulating flu viruses. Flu vaccines protect against the three or four viruses that research suggests will be most common. For 2017-2018, three-component vaccines are recommended to contain:

- An A/Michigan/45/2015 (H1N1)pdm09-like virus
- An A/Hong Kong/4801/2014 (H3N2)-like virus
- A B/Brisbane/60/2008-like (B/Victoria lineage) virus

Four-component vaccines, which protect against a second lineage of B viruses,

are recommended to be produced using the same viruses recommended for the trivalent vaccines, as well as a B/Phuket/3073/2013-like (B/Yamagata lineage) virus.

Those who should get the flu vaccine are:

- All healthy adults, especially those who are 65 years of age and older
- Pregnant women
- Health care workers
- Anyone who suffers from asthma, heart disease, diabetes, or weakened immune systems
- Caregivers of children under the age of 5
- Children six months or older

Those who should not get the flu vaccine are:

- Children under 6 months of age
- Anyone allergic to chicken eggs
- Anyone who has had a severe reaction to a flu vaccine in the past
- Anyone with a moderate or severe illness/fever

This article contains information from both the CDC website and Pennsauken EMS. For more information about the upcoming 2017-2018 flu season, visit <https://www.cdc.gov/flu/about/season/flu-season-2017-2018.htm>.

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Limit Your Use of Fertilizers and Pesticides

- Do a soil test to see if you need a fertilizer.
- Do not apply fertilizers if heavy rain is predicted.
- Look into alternatives for pesticides.
- Maintain a small lawn and keep the rest of your property or yard in a natural state with trees and other native vegetation that requires little or no fertilizer.
- If you use fertilizers and pesticides, follow the instructions on the label on how to correctly apply it.

Properly Use and Dispose of Hazardous Products

- Hazardous products include some household or commercial cleaning products, lawn and garden care products, motor oil, antifreeze and paints.
- Do not pour any hazardous products down a storm drain because storm drains are usually connected to local waterbodies and the water is not treated.
- If you have hazardous products in your home or workplace, make sure you store or dispose of them properly. Read the label for guidance.
- Use natural or less toxic alternatives when possible.
- Recycle used motor oil.
- Contact your municipality, county or facility management office for the locations of hazardous waste disposal facilities.



Keep Pollution Out of Storm Drains

- Municipalities and many other public agencies are required to mark certain storm drain inlets with messages reminding people that storm drains are connected to local waterbodies.
- Do not let sewage or other wastes flow into a stormwater system.

Clean Up After Your Pet

- Many municipalities and public agencies must enact and enforce local pet waste rules.
- An example is requiring pet owners or keepers to pick up and properly dispose of pet waste dropped on public or other people's property.
- Make sure you know your town's or agency's requirements and comply with them. It's the law.
- Use newspaper, bags or pooper-scoopers to pick up waste.
- Dispose of the wrapped pet waste in the trash or unwrapped in a toilet.
- Never discard pet waste in a storm drain.



Don't Feed Wildlife

- Do not feed wildlife, such as ducks and geese, in public areas.
- Many municipalities and other public agencies must enact and enforce a rule that prohibits wildlife feeding in these areas.

Don't Litter

- Place litter in trash receptacles.
- Recycle. Recycle. Recycle.
- Participate in community cleanups.

Dispose of Yard Waste Properly

- Keep leaves and grass out of storm drains.
- If your municipality or agency has yard waste collection rules, follow them.
- Use leaves and grass clippings as a resource for compost.
- Use a mulching mower that recycles grass clippings into the lawn.

A Guide to Healthy Habits for Cleaner Water

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By sharing the responsibility and making small, easy changes in our daily lives, we can keep common pollutants out of stormwater. It all adds up to cleaner water and it saves the high cost of cleaning up once it's dirty.

As part of New Jersey's initiative to keep our water clean and plentiful and to meet federal requirements, many municipalities and other public agencies including colleges and military bases must adopt ordinances or other rules prohibiting various activities that contribute to stormwater pollution. Breaking these rules can result in fines or other penalties.

Contact Information

For more information on stormwater related topics, visit www.njstormwater.org.

Additional information is also available at U.S. Environment Protection Agency Web sites www.epa.gov/npdes/stormwater or www.epa.gov/nps.

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MPWC WATERLINES

The Importance Of The MPWC's Adopt-A-Hydrant Program

By Sean Fitzgerald and Ryan Magee



About a year ago, the Merchantville-Pennsauken Water Commission (MPWC) launched its "Adopt-A-Hydrant" program. Adopting a fire hydrant can pay some big dividends when it comes to the safety of your home and neighbors.

Safety, education, and public outreach are the main thrust of the MPWC's Adopt-A-Hydrant program. Fire departments across the country are losing precious seconds and minutes when battling fires due to hydrants being concealed by plowed snow or heavy foliage. Local water utilities work aggressively at maintaining all of their fire hydrants; and in the unlikely chance

that the fire department finds a hydrant not functioning properly, they report it and it is fixed immediately.

While the MPWC takes the responsibility seriously, as residents or business owners, you may see a problem before we get to it on our scheduled maintenance. Keeping it accessible and clear of obstructions can make the difference between life and death when seconds count. It is very critical that if a problem is observed that it be reported to the right party immediately, so that the appropriate action can be taken.

The MPWC, along with the fire departments of Pennsauken, Merchantville, and Cherry Hill, have been working tirelessly to address each of

these topics before they can become issues. The MPWC partnered with Hopeworks 'N Camden to GPS map each and every fire hydrant throughout the service area, to ensure that we have accurate mapping for our end-users: our firefighters. The MPWC also works throughout the year flushing, inspecting, and clearing foliage and debris from around our fire hydrants. During the winter months, fire personnel in Merchantville, Pennsauken, and Cherry Hill will clear snow out from around fire hydrants. Despite the hard work of each of these organizations, often times it's just not enough.

Enter the Adopt-A-Hydrant pro-

gram. Whether you're a safety conscious homeowner, a civic organization, or a school-aged kid looking for community service hours, adopting a hydrant can help keep you and your town safer year round. Helping to keep the hydrant clear of snow and foliage, letting the MPWC know if anything has happened to the hydrant (say an accidental car hit for instance), or letting us know if the hydrant needs a new coat of paint to keep it visible, you'll be helping to keep you and your neighbors safe.

So please check in at our website at www.mppwc.com for more information on how you can Adopt-A-Hydrant!

HYDRANT FLUSHING

A reminder that the MPWC will continue to flush fire hydrants through Thursday, Oct. 5, between the hours of 7:00 and 11:00 p.m. For more information on this and other MPWC projects and events, "like" us on Facebook.

Keep Your Meter Warm This Winter



Meters are prone to freezing temperatures, just like the pipes in a home. Keep the area around your meter protected to avoid cracks and leaks. If a meter breaks in the home, it is the customer's responsibility for the replacement.

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If you have a remote device on the exterior of your property that allows us to read your water meter, we need to verify that it is working properly and recording your water usage accurately. Recent issues with the remotes have caused inaccurate readings and higher customer bills. Please help us keep your readings accurate and costs as low as possible.

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Pennsauken Lions Holds Popular Cigar Night On October 23

By Mary Anne McFarland,
Pennsauken Lions Club

Last year's extremely popular "Cigar Night" fundraiser returns to Steak 38 Café, 515 Rt. 38, Cherry Hill, on Monday, Oct. 23, at 6:30 p.m. Owner Joe Di-Amore and his wife, Judy, both members of the Pennsauken Lions, will once again be our gracious hosts. The cost is \$65 per person and includes appetizers, dinner, dessert and two premium cigars. Space is limited; reservations are requested by Monday, Oct. 16 and can be made at pennsaukenlionsclub@gmail.com or by calling (856) 662-3838.

Lions To Celebrate Diamond Jubilee

The Lions are celebrating 75 years of

community service to Pennsauken with a special diamond jubilee celebration on Monday, Nov. 27. The event will also honor the Lions Club's 2017 Citizen of the Year, Phil Morgan, current president of the Pennsauken Youth Athletic Activities (P.Y.A.A.). Phil moved to Pennsauken in 1970 with wife, Pat, and their three children. He quickly became involved in P.Y.A.A., first serving as equipment vice president, and the taking on the role of the organization's president for the last 15 years. He is also the building custodian, making sure the Field House is ready for the many activities held there. Morgan is a parishioner at Mary Queen of All Saints parish in Pennsauken and ushers at the 4:30 p.m.

Mass. Family and friends are invited to share this special evening with Phil.

The event will be held at the P.Y.A.A. Field House, 3501 Elm Ave., beginning at 6:00 p.m. The cost is \$35 per person and includes dinner and dessert. The Lions hope that former Lions, Leos, and past citizens of the year will attend to help us celebrate. Attendees are asked to R.S.V.P. by Nov. 17 to pennsaukenlionsclub@gmail.com or by calling Mary Anne at (856) 313-7751.

The Lions Club is open to anyone 18 years of age or older who would like to be of service to the Pennsauken Community. Anyone interested should contact Pennsaukenlionsclub@gmail.com.

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- Friends of the Library (FOL) Book & Tech Sale – Friday, Oct. 13 through Sunday, Oct. 15. Open to the public during regular business hours. Show your 2017 Friends of the Library membership card and get a one free hard-bound book for the first five books purchased.
- FOL Bake Sale – Friday and Saturday, Oct. 13-14. The bake sale is held in the Library Lobby during operating hours.

A variety of home baked treats will be available. Show your 2017 Friends of the Library membership card and get a premium item for free.

- Munch and a Movie – Tuesday, Oct. 17; 12:30 p.m. Bring a bag lunch and enjoy a FREE movie and snack, courtesy of The Friends of the Library. For this month's movie selection please call (856) 665-5959.
- FOL Meeting – Wednesday, Oct. 4; 7:00–8:30 p.m. You are welcome to join the Friends for a business and planning meeting.
- FOL Raffle Tickets – Throughout October. The Friends of the Pennsauken Library annual Raffle tickets will be available at the Library's circulation desk during regular operating hours. Ticket prices are \$2 each or three for \$5. The raffle is for six gift baskets filled with gift certificates and goodies from local restaurants and businesses worth over \$300 each! Drawing will be Nov. 15.
- FREE Vision Screening & Eyeglass Repair – Wednesday, Oct. 18; 10:30

a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Bilingual (English and Spanish) opticians from America's Best Eyeglasses and Contacts will be present to provide free vision screenings, clean glasses, tighten loose specs and replace lost or damaged nose pieces. Come and take advantage of this free service in the Library Community Room. Or stop by the Library's Reference section after Labor Day and put your name in the special raffle box for a chance for free vision testing or free glasses. This program is sponsored by The Friends of the Library.

- Library Board Meeting – Monday, Oct. 23; 6:00 p.m. The Library Board is the governing body for the Pennsauken Library. Each month the members meet to review current issues, budget, policies and staffing. The community is encouraged to attend these meetings.
- The Friends Dine to Donate at Zinburger's Event – Wednesday, Oct. 18; 4:00 – 10:00 p.m. When you show the FOL flyer, 20 percent of your food purchased will be donated to the Friends of the Pennsauken Library. Flyers are available at the Library Lobby Desk.
- Knowledge through Books & Stamps – Saturday, Oct. 21 – Friday, Oct. 27. A collaborative project of The Mer-

chantville Stamp Club and Friends of the Library is open to the public during regular library hours. The exhibit's opening reception is Saturday, Oct. 21 at 11:30 a.m.

For Children Accompanied By Their Caregivers:

- Storytime – Wednesdays, Oct. 4, 18, & 25; 11:00 a.m. and Thursdays, Oct. 5, 12, 19, and 26; 2:00 p.m. Miss Susan and Miss Sabrina welcome you to a fun-filled time of stories, songs, and a craft. For ages 0-5. Please note that there will be no Storytime on Oct. 11.
- LEGO Club Jr. – Thursdays, Oct. 5, 12, 19, & 26; 3:00 – 4:00 p.m. Come and enjoy a time of free-play with DUPLO blocks in the Library's Children's Area. For ages 2-5.
- Toddler Movement – Saturday, Oct. 7; 11:00 – 11:30 a.m. Join Miss Sabrina and Miss Susan for a fun and active time of music, guided movements, and dance. For ages 3-5.
- Baby Ballet – Saturday, Oct. 7; 11:30 a.m. – noon. Join Miss Sabrina and Miss Susan for a fun and active time of music, guided dance movements. For ages 3-5.

Library Director Patane Retires

Last month, John Patane, director of the Pennsauken Free Public Library, retired after 10 years of service to the community.



The Library Board of Directors and the entire staff would like to thank John for his dedication to our patrons and wish him a happy and well deserved retirement!

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Woman's Club Sponsors Attendees At Girl's Career Institute

As it does every year, the Woman's Club of Merchantville sponsored several young women to attend the 2017 Girl's Career Institute (GCI), a program offered by the New Jersey State Federation of Women's Clubs for girls who will complete their junior year of high school. Delegates are selected on the basis of interest, community service and participation in school activities. Four local girls from our area joined over 168 young women from all over the state to experience a unique mini-college experience. The girls experienced a sample of college life by living in a dorm, eating in the cafeteria and attending lectures and workshops. They also learned about career choices and how to network with other delegates from all over the state of New Jersey. During free time, there were organized activities, such as swimming,

crafts and after dinner programs.

Tyann Thomas and Alyssa Gore, students at Urban Promise, were delegates from the Evening Membership Department of the Woman's Club and spoke about their experiences at a recent meeting. Tyann is planning to go on to college for nursing and Alyssa is considering becoming an OB/GYN. They are active in the Trekker Program, which provides them with leadership opportunities through outside activities, such as camping, hiking, boat building and boating. Delegates from the Woman's Club of Merchantville were Mekylah Muhammad from Camden County Technical School and Keisha Sanchez from Pennsauken High School.

The Merchantville Woman's Clubs have been some of the leading service organizations in the region. Women

from our community are members committed to making a difference. Among other things, the Club raises money for local and state charities, as well as scholarships; also, members volunteer at organizations such as the Food Bank of South Jersey and Cathedral Kitchen. Social activities include monthly card and game parties.

If you would like to attend a meeting, or for more information, contact Jan at (609) 410-4650 or janwh@aol.com.

"Who Let The Dogs Out?" Theme Tied Into Service Projects

By Mary Anne McFarland

Each year, Cub Scout Pack 116 picks an annual theme, which is used throughout the year at den and Pack meetings. Theme-related craft activities and decorations help make the Cubs' annual Blue and Gold banquet more festive and also gets the pack prepared for the upcoming Cub-O-Ree, a special camping weekend held in May of next year.

The Cub-O-Ree's theme is "Family Movie Night;" each Pack that participates must pick a movie or movies around which they will base their Saturday activities. This year, Pack 116 picked the theme "Who Let the Dog's Out?" because they decided to highlight various Disney "dog movies," such as "Lady and the Tramp," "Oliver and Company," and a few others.

The Scouts are also incorporating this theme into their participation in "Scouting for Food," one of the nation's largest food drives that Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, and Venturers participate in to support their local food pantries and hunger-relief agencies. In addition to collecting non-perishable food items, such as canned goods, peanut butter, fruit bars, applesauce, etc., the Cub Scouts will be accepting dog food, treats, cat litter, and

other related items, which will be donated to the Almost Home Animal Shelter in Pennsauken.

Look for the Cub Scouts at the Pennsauken Harvest Festival, and the Township's annual Holiday Parade. During these events, the Cub Scouts will have fun activities for the kids and will be collecting items for people and animals in need. The Cubs will also be giving out the plastic "Scouting for Food" bags to their neighbors. If you receive a bag on your door, please think about putting a few items in and leave it on your step and the Cubs will be back to pick them up.

In between all these activities, the Pack is planning a fall camping trip, an online popcorn sale, the annual pinewood derby, their annual Blue and Gold banquet, and a behind-the-scenes trip to the Philadelphia court system and the U.S. Mint.

If you want your kindergarten to fifth grade son to participate in these activities and more, contact cspack3116@gmail.com or call (856) 313-7751. The Pack meets the first and third Fridays at Martin Luther School on Terrace Ave. and Rt. 130. Meetings begin at 7:00 p.m. and last approximately to 8:00-8:30 p.m.

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Mama's Homemade Cookie Lounge Offers Tasty Treats

By Rachael Rivera, AAP Columnist

For this month's article, I got to sit down with Mrs. Ernestine Williams, owner of Mama's Homemade Cookie Lounge. Ernestine, or "Mama" as she likes to be called, is Philly born but now a New Jersey resident.

Mama's whole idea for her cookie business began in 1975, when she saw a gorgeous cookie tray at a Christmas party and she said to herself, "I'm gonna do that!" All those years of watching her grandmother and mother bake and make cookie trays for holidays and events paid off. Mama's Homemade Cookie Lounge opened in December of 2014.

The lounge's location at 2591 Haddonfield Rd. was acquired with the help of Larry Cardwell and Terry Carr from Pennsauken Township's Economic Development Department. They worked with Mama to find her the perfect location; and when you walk inside, you can see she has achieved her goals.

The lounge is welcoming and colorful. I was immediately entertained by the tasteful decor and a colorful array of homemade cookies, honeys, as well as barbeque and hot sauces. The Cookie Lounge is the perfect after school or Sunday morning hangout.

When it comes to the cookies, Mama knows what she wants. She handpicks all her own ingredients from various sup-



Ernestine Williams, everyone's favorite cookie lady, is the owner of Mama's Homemade Cookie Lounge on Haddonfield Rd.

pliers. This process allows for a more customized cookie experience. I got to taste a few of her greatest picks, including snickerdoodles, pumpkin pizzelles, gingersnaps (my personal favorite), thumb print cookies, and the classic chocolate chip. She also offers Daniel 21s, which, although not gluten free, are perfect for

anyone who is vegan or has a diabetic diet. They're wonderful, soft, and customizable too! And for those who don't need an excuse for a cold snack, Mama's Homemade Cookie Lounge offers a variety of tasty ice cream and shakes.

Ernestine is very proud of her products and the people she employs. She works with a lot of students and people looking for opportunities and experiences.

When you visit, make sure to ask about current specials and be sure to keep an eye out for her upcoming cookie catalog.

Mama's Homemade Cookie Lounge also offers space for parties and other events. If you are interested in hosting an event here, just call her at (856) 317-0700 or LOVE her on Facebook. You can also visit her website at www.mashomemadecookies.com.

Mama would also like to thank the Pennsauken community, Township employees and first responders, "for all their love and their support."

This is just a fun place to visit and getting here is super easy. When you see Mama, tell her I said "Hey!" and don't you dare try to shake her hand. She's a hugger!

Be the envy of Santa, the Cookie Monster and all your cookie loving friends; visit Mama's Homemade Cookie Lounge and enjoy your food adventure!

Food Bank Of South Jersey Receives Grant From Horizon Foundation For New Jersey

The Food Bank of South Jersey, which has its headquarters in Pennsauken, was one of 21 non-profits awarded a grant by the Horizon Foundation for New Jersey, the philanthropic arm of Horizon Blue Cross Blue Shield of New Jersey. To date, The Foundation has awarded 40 grants in 2017, totaling over \$1.6 million.

"Improving the quality of life and health for individuals, families, and communities we serve is core to our mission. The Horizon Foundation for New Jersey is proud to support non-profit organizations and their programs that help make our state a better place to live," said Robert A. Marino, Horizon BCBSNJ Chairman & CEO and Chairman of the Horizon Foundation.

The Food Bank of South Jersey received a \$25,000 grant to support the FBSJ Community Impact Program and the Eating Well and Diabetes educational classes. The classes provide information, nutritional guidance and cooking techniques in English and Spanish to individuals with diabetes or pre-diabetes.

In conjunction, Inspira Health Network nurses and dieticians will also deliver three health and nutrition demonstrations and counseling services.

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Stamp Exhibition Begins At Library On October 21

For the third year in a row, the Friends of the Pennsauken Library and the Merchantville Stamp Club will jointly sponsor a week long stamp exhibition titled "Knowledge through Books & Stamps" during Stamp Collecting Month, which is observed every October. The exhibition will be held at the Community Room of the Pennsauken Library, 5605 N. Crescent Blvd., and is open during normal library hours.

An opening ceremony will be held on Saturday, Oct. 21 at 11:30 a.m. The guest speaker will be Ms. Susan Briant, former director of the Pennsauken Free Public Library, retired director of the Haddonfield Library, and past president of the New Jersey Library Association. The public is invited to attend this special event. Immediately following the opening ceremony, there will be free refreshments of pizza and hoagies for all attendees.

Prior to the opening of this year's stamp exhibition, a dedication of a leaf for Ira's Tree of Knowledge will be made in memory of Mr. Henry J. Applegate, a longtime member of the Merchantville Stamp Club who passed away in November of 2014.

Beginning Oct. 21, the Friends of the Pennsauken Library and the Merchantville Stamp Club will jointly sponsor a week long stamp exhibition titled "Knowledge through Books & Stamps."



Pennsauken School District Cuts Ribbon On New Trade Programs *continued from page 1*

getting the curriculum and programs approved by the state, and ordering and organizing the materials and supplies that the students will need. It was a very large task and a very involved process."

All that hard work has paid off, as there's been an overwhelming interest from students to enroll in these classes.

"For cosmetology, there were 123 applicants for 23 chairs. In carpentry, there are 60 students enrolled," explains Nick Perry, president, Pennsauken Board of Education. "These are the types of programs that many students are dying to get into."

In addition, three out of the four teachers involved in these programs, Jason Wilson, John Warwick, and Jabril-Smitherman, all graduated from Pennsauken High School and have come back to prepare these students for career and technical readiness.

"Pennsauken has a strong sense of community; to have these PHS graduates return to their old high school and prepare the next generation of students for career and technical readiness speaks volumes," says Dr. Ronnie Tarchichi, superintendent of schools for the Pennsauken School District. "Our vocational

programs will rival any programs on any campus. It's an important part of making Pennsauken a comprehensive school district that offers dual credit courses, advanced placement courses, college preparatory courses, and vocational courses."

There is a real need for vocational workers. The New Jersey Business and Industry Association estimates that 80 percent of manufacturers in the nation have a significant shortage of qualified applicants for skilled production positions.

"As part of the process for developing Pennsauken's trade programs, we met with many of the unions, including the

United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners, and the International Association of Bridge, Structural, Ornamental and Reinforcing Iron Workers Union," says Perry. "In speaking with any of these people, their commonality was that they do not have enough students in these types of vocational programs. So it was an easy fix for us."

The District also plans to add more CTE programs within the next two years. "Our long term goals are to add addi-

tional programs in 2018-2019 and 2019-2020 school years. First, we're going to add electrical trades and welding. Then the year after that, we'll add plumbing," explains Gillespie. "We also are looking to build community partnerships, so that our students can work with people in these industries. We want to give each and every student the tools they need to have success after graduation, whether it's through post-secondary education or a vocational career."

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PUBLICWORKS Autumn In Pennsauken: Leaf Collection Preparation Begins

By Joe Scavuzzo, Director,
Department of Public Works

Leaf collection operations generally begin in late October and complete around the end of December. Every section of town will have leaf pickup at least twice during this time. This collection is in addition to the weekly Wednesday "yard debris" pick-up, when Waste Management will pick-up your bagged leaves and other bundled yard items. We ask for your patience while we are working in your neighborhood, as our large equipment could end up blocking parts of the street or intersection.

It is highly encouraged that you bag your leaves whenever possible. However, there are parts of town, where the density of large, mature trees creates mountains of leaves. The main reason we encourage residents to bag leaves is to protect our storm water inlets along our streets from becoming clogged, preventing the flow of water from the street into the system. In addition to this, any cool fall breezes that come through won't blow that leaf pile back onto your lawn or all over the street! The bagged leaves that are collected by Waste Management on Wednesdays are taken to Smith Or-

chards in Mantua for recycling. Each year, the Township compiles a tonnage report based off of the yard debris collected by Waste Management, similar to the white goods collected and our annual recycling collection; and receives credits towards our recycling grant.

Our Leaf Compost Site

Our Public Works Department operates and maintains one of the best functioning and well kept leaf composting sites in New Jersey. Each year, the state and county Department of Environmental Protection representatives who inspect our facility comment on how great the site looks in comparison to others they visit. After the compost matures, it is delivered to the Municipal Pool on River Rd., where residents can supplement their gardens at home with this nutritious soil.

The leaf composting site is located on Park Ave., resting beside the Pennsauken Creek before you cross the Burlington County line. Currently, you will view an open piece of land. Within the next month, you will begin to see the collected

leaves being formed into rows, called "windrows." Once our facility is nearing its 10,000 cubic yard capacity, you'll notice the windrows are pointed in a specific direction. The windrow field is sloped downward to allow water to filter in a grassy area and collect at a basin. This prevents the possibility of "ponding" or stagnant water, which could breed mosquitoes and create an unpleasant odor.

This balance of Waste Management's collection of bagged leaves and the Department of Public Work's curbside collection ensures that we are compliant with our compost site's permitted capacity, while clearing out 2017's leaves. A few of you may have your own composting methods at home for the reuse of food scraps and yard debris. Although our facility only handles leaves, the process is very much the same, just on a much larger scale.

This year, the Township is replacing our 25+ year old "Wildcat" compost turner, as the availability of parts and unit reliability continues to decrease, all while our mechanic's labor increases. Although these two pieces perform the same function,

one major difference is the amount of equipment needed to perform the task. The Wildcat is an attachment that our largest John Deere front-end loader "carries" instead of a bucket, and pushes the unit through the row of leaves. For those following the mindset of Tim "The Tool Man" Taylor from "Home Improvement," this is essentially the equivalent of strapping a jet engine with blades to the front of a tank. It is intimidating to stand next to it even while not running. The new unit is operated via a cab, mounted to the side of the turning drum and does not require the assistance of a secondary piece of equipment. If you thought I was joking when I compared the Wildcat to a tank, the Backhaus A.36 has tracks instead of tires! In conclusion, this new equipment will free-up the large loader, immediately extending its lifespan, lower the fuel needed to turn these windrows, and ensure that the most critical piece of equipment of the compost operation is dependable for the next 25 years.

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THERE ARE NO "TRASH HOLIDAYS" IN OCTOBER.

Camden County is hosting a household electronic waste collection event on Saturday, Oct. 7, 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., at the Camden County Public Works facility, 2311 Egg Harbor Rd., Lindenwold. For information on what to bring, visit www.camdencounty.com/event/electronic-waste-recycling-3 or call (856) 858-5241.

The next Camden County household hazardous waste collection event will be on Saturday, Oct. 14, 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., also at the Camden County Public Works facility.

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Pennsauken Harvest Festival Held On October 7 continued from page 1

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"We're reinforcing the importance of everyone having an escape plan in the case of a fire," explains Captain Dan Kerr, fire marshal of the Pennsauken-Collingswood Fire Prevention and Inspection Bureau. "Families should practice their home fire drill twice a year, conducting one at night and one during the day with everyone in your home, using different ways out."

Pennsauken firefighters also encourage attendees to sample chili made by the fire stations in town and vote for their favorite as part of the department's annual contest. Rows of vendors and crafters will line the parking lot of the Community Recreational Complex, located next to the Merchantville-Penn-

sauken Water Commission building, north of Cove Rd. Festival goers can also enjoy a wide variety of fare from many food trucks. There will be plenty of free activities for the kids, including scarecrow making, pumpkin painting, sack races, pony rides, soccer shootouts, inflatable bouncers, jump rope making, balloon twisting, and face painting. And for the brave of heart, there will even be a mechanical bull.

Plenty of regular and handicapped parking will be available for attendees, and traffic assistance will be provided by Pennsauken Police.

"The Pennsauken Harvest Festival keeps getting bigger and better every year," says Pennsauken Mayor Betsy McBride. "Come out and experience the many cultures that make Pennsauken truly special."

For more information, visit www.facebook.com/PennsaukenHarvestFestival.

Improvements Underway On Westfield Avenue continued from page 1

and the project is expected to last approximately 150 days from that start date. Pennsauken Township has reached out to affected businesses and residents regarding this road work. Additional updates on the project will be provided on a bi-weekly basis via the Township web

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By Arlene Miller, Friends of the Pennsauken Free Public Library

The Friends of the Free Public Library have been collecting books, CDs, DVDs, and Blu-rays for our upcoming annual book and tech sale, taking place during normal operating hours from October 13-15 in the Library's Community Room. There's still time for you to drop off a box or bag or several of each to help us make the sale a big success. For those donating three or more boxes or bags, we'll provide a receipt for tax purposes; and if you've been a prolific reader who has five or more boxes to

donate, we'll be happy to pick them up for you if you call us at (856) 665-5959, ext. 7. Sorry, but we can't take magazines, VCR tapes, or damaged books. But whether you're donating or not, you'll want to be sure to get to the Library that weekend to take advantage of our bargain prices. Winter is coming and who wants to be caught on a cold, snowy indoor day without a good read or a good movie?

While you're at the Library that Friday and Saturday, take some time to check out our bake tables of cookies, cakes, cupcakes and brownies to nosh

on! We'll also be offering some packaged snacks and soft pretzels, so come see what catches your eye. There'll be lots to choose from, but remember that our inventory sells out fast.

Tuesday, Oct. 17 will be our next Munch and a Movie, from 12:30 – 3:30 p.m. in the Community Room. Don't forget your lunch, and we'll provide snacks and beverages. If you can't wait to see what movie we'll be showing, call the circulation desk for the answer. Sadly, we can't divulge it here, but you know it'll be a treat you won't want to miss.

If you didn't take advantage of last month's free vision screening from America's Best Eyeglasses, there's another opportunity on Oct. 18 from 10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. In addition to the eye screenings, bilingual opticians will be happy to answer your questions, tweak any loose frames and nose pieces, and give those smudged lenses a good cleaning. And if you leave your name in the

special raffle box in the Library's reference section, you'll be eligible for a free vision test or pair of glasses.

And if all that isn't enough for one day, the Friends will also be having a "Dine and Donate" event on Wednesday, Oct. 18, 4:00 to 10:00 p.m., at Zinburger Wine and Burger Bar, 923 Haddonfield Rd., Cherry Hill, N.J. When you show your wait staff the Friends' flyer via a printout or on your smart phone, the Friends will receive a 20 percent donation from your food and non-alcoholic beverage purchases. Flyers are available at the Library's lobby desk or by contacting friends@library@yahoo.com.

Finally, the Friends are once again co-sponsoring "Knowledge through Books and Stamps" with the Merchantville Stamp Club. Held from Oct. 21-27 at the Pennsauken Free Public Library, this informative and enjoyable exhibit is free and open to the public during normal

business hours.

While you're at the Library for all of these great events, don't forget to buy a few tickets for the annual Friends' raffle. Tickets are \$2 each or three for \$5. This year's prizes will be six baskets of assorted gift cards, certificates, and merchandise from local restaurants and businesses and worth more than \$300 each. That's six chances to win. Six! And all for just \$2 or three for \$5! Who could pass up a deal like that?! The drawing takes place on Wednesday, Nov. 15.

In the meantime, join us at our next monthly meeting on Wednesday, Oct. 4 at 7:00 p.m. We'll be planning next year's events and could use your input.

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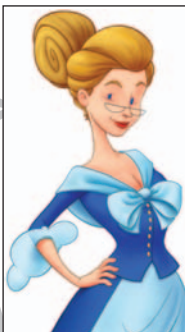


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Petition Underway To Make Memorial, Grave Site Of “Father Of Labor Day” Historic Landmarks

By Frank Sinatra, AAP Editor

The state of New Jersey has 58 national historic landmarks, nationally significant historic places designated by the Secretary of the Interior that possess exceptional value or quality in illustrating or interpreting the heritage of the United States. Some of the more well-known landmarks in the Garden State are Lucy the Elephant in Margate; The Walt Whitman House in Camden; the site of the discovery of *Hadrosaurus foulkii* in Haddonfield; and quite possibly in the not-so-far-off future, the Peter J. McGuire memorial and grave site in Pennsauken.

“There’s been an initiative in recent months to have the Peter J. McGuire memorial and grave site declared to be eligible for the National Historic Register,” says Robert Fisher-Hughes, president of the Pennsauken Historical Society and the Township’s resident historian. “We are also in the process of an application to have the site certified as a National Historic Landmark.”

McGuire is known for championing important labor causes that are considered commonplace today, such as the 40-hour work week, days off on the weekend, and child labor laws. His most



During this year’s wreath laying ceremony at the Peter J. McGuire Memorial in Pennsauken, which recognizes the “founder” of Labor Day and his efforts to improve the lives of the everyday worker and their families, it was announced that an initiative has begun to make the memorial and grave site, both located at Arlington Cemetery on Cove Rd., nationally recognized historic sites.

famous achievement remains an idea he proposed in May 1882 at the New York Central Labor Union, for a day to be set aside to celebrate the American worker and to celebrate the achievements of the labor movement. In New York that September, the first Labor Day parade and celebration was held. In 1894, President Grover Cleveland signed the law declaring Labor Day as a national holiday.

McGuire, the “father of Labor Day,” died in 1906 and is buried at Arlington Cemetery, 1620 Cove Rd. in Pennsauken. A memorial was erected in his honor in 1952 at the same location. On the Friday before Labor Day, labor leaders, public officials, and members of the local community gather in Pennsauken at the memorial in Arlington to celebrate workers across our country at the annual AFL-CIO wreath-laying ceremony. This annual event has been held in Pennsauken for over 100 years.

According to Fisher-Hughes, the initial filings have been made, but additional research needs to be done in order to have both sites qualify to be placed upon both the state and national historic registers. But an important hurdle has already been cleared, as the state has certified that the Pennsauken site is eligible to undergo this process.

“This would really be quite an accomplishment for Pennsauken to have this kind of level of historic recognition for really a figure that has been ignored, who has not had the recognition he should have had,” says Fisher-Hughes. “McGuire is a very important figure in American labor history, American social history, and local history as well.”

Town Hall, Freeholder Meeting Held In Pennsauken On October 19

The Camden County Board of Chosen Freeholders will be holding a Town Hall and Freeholder meeting on Thursday, Oct. 19 at the Camden County Boathouse, 7050 N. Park Drive, Pennsauken.

Each year, the Freeholder Board hosts a series of town hall meetings across Camden County, creating another level of access and opportunity. The meeting includes a Q&A session, providing residents the ability to ask questions and get answers straight from a representative of the governing body and for elected officials to hear directly

from their constituents. The Pennsauken Town Hall begins at 6:30 p.m. on Oct. 19.

At 7:00 p.m. that evening, the Freeholders will hold their monthly meeting. The resolutions listed in the agenda for this scheduled meeting of the Camden County Board of Chosen Freeholders reflects the agenda and proposed resolutions to the extent known at the time of posting. Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 10:4-8(d), the agenda and proposed resolutions are tentative and may be amended, deleted, or added to prior to the meeting.

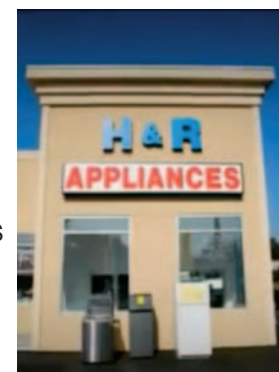
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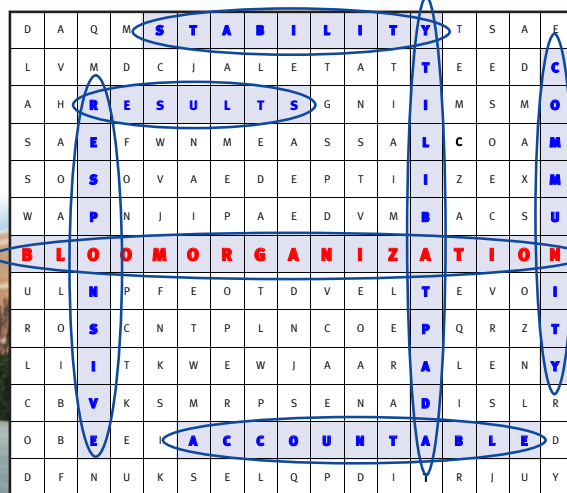
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GOING GREEN The All Important Fall Gardener's Checklist

By Kathleen Harvey,
AAP Columnist

This article is reprinted from our October 2016 issue.

There's much to accomplish in the fall garden before the harsh winter weather arrives. Autumn is a beautiful time of year to be working outdoors, but it can also be overwhelming with so many garden chores that need attention. It's time to tidy up from summer and get ready for spring all at once. Ideally, we ease into seasonal changes, and plants go in and out of dormancy gradually. But nature often has other plans.

There's lots of aesthetic cleaning that could happen, as well as all of the things that would be nice to get done to give the spring garden a good jump start. But many of these things can and probably should wait until spring. Wildlife, from the microscopic to the feathered and

four-legged, relies on leaves, seeds pods, twigs, and debris for winter habitat and food. I can accept the mess with this justification.

So what really matters? First priority is to harvest anything edible that is still growing before we get a hard frost. Tomatoes, peppers, potatoes, pumpkins, and cool weather crops like lettuce, spinach, kale, and Swiss chard need to be picked before a hard freeze ruins them. Root crops like carrots can wait until just after the first frost. The cold actually makes them a bit sweeter. After harvesting produce, remove any plants that show signs of disease. Heirloom plants, like several varieties of tomatoes, often taste better than modern hybrids, but are not disease-resistant like the modern hybrids, and often show signs of tomato blight or other diseases by autumn.

These plants should be removed and trashed, not composted to prevent fungal spores from spreading.

If the lawn needs repair, fall is the best time to aerate, thatch, and plant seed or sod to develop roots and improve its appearance next spring.

The next priority is moving tender plants inside. Tropical plants that summered outside need to be cleaned up, transplanted if needed, and checked for unwanted insects like slugs ant nests prior to moving indoors.

If you are a zone pusher like me, and grow things that aren't native to this area like banana and fig trees, these need to

be cut back and wrapped in breathable material like burlap and dried leaves for protection until next spring. Cutting back and wrapping is best done just after the first hard freeze causes leaf collapse.

There are a few varieties of semi-tender perennials like some elephant ears and lantana that can survive winter if planted on the south side of the house in full sun, cut back after first frost, and mounded with at least six inches of dry leaves.

Breakable garden art made of glass or cement, especially cement planters, will freeze with winter temperatures and need to be moved to the garage or base-

ment until next spring.

Fall is also the perfect time to plant spring blooming bulbs and perennials, trees, or shrubs picked up at local nurseries on clearance. Planting can be done until the ground freezes, so these tasks wind up near the bottom of the priority list, as long as they get done before winter arrives.

Last but not least, cover flower and vegetable beds in compost and dry fall leaves to provide a blanket for the soil microbes that will both protect and provide food for next spring.

Community Clean Up Of Tippin's Pond Held On October 14

The Pennsauken Township Environmental Commission is hosting a community clean up of Tippin's Pond on Saturday, Oct. 14, from 9:00 a.m. to noon.

Volunteers will be picking up trash and cleaning brush from the nature trails, fishing dock and pond. Children are allowed to participate as long as they are accompanied by an adult. Gloves will be provided, but they are one size fits all, so bringing personal work gloves for youngsters is recommended. Since the pond and riverfront areas will be wet and the wooded area uneven, proper footwear is a must. The Commission also recommends wearing long pants to protect against the undergrowth. And a hat is never a bad idea.

Volunteers will receive grabbers and industrial trash bags to assist with the



A community clean up of Tippin's Pond on River Rd. will be held on Saturday, Oct. 14 from 9:00 a.m. to noon. The event is sponsored by the Pennsauken Environmental Commission.

clean up. Water bottles will also be provided to participants.

This is a wonderful opportunity for residents, particularly young people, to realize the importance of keeping

Pennsauken Township, and its green spaces, clean.

Tippin's Pond is located at 419 Cove Rd., in Pennsauken. For more information, e-mail envirocomm.pennsauken@gmail.com.

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“Back The Blue” Jeep Ride Held On October 14



The second annual “Back the Blue” Jeep ride, held on Saturday, Oct. 14, shows support to officers in Pennsauken and several other communities to thank them for their dedicated service.

A community event planned later this month is designed to be a show of support to local law enforcement.

The second annual “Back the Blue” Jeep Ride will be held on Saturday, Oct. 14; last year, over 100 jeep owners gathered at the Cherry Hill Mall and then traveled to the police stations in several communities to thank officers for their dedicated service.

“We’re just visiting police stations and shaking the hands of officers, thanking them for keeping our communities safe,” says Ann Marie McCusker, the organizer of the “Back the Blue” Jeep Ride. “It’s a great show of support to those

who serve and protect us every day. We’re excited for this year’s event and we hope to have a larger turnout from the community.”

The “Back the Blue” Jeep Ride has planned stops to thank officers in Pennsauken, Merchantville, and Cherry Hill. The ride ends at the Collingswood Police Station, where officers from Haddon Township and Oaklyn will also be in attendance.

Jeep owners who wish to participate on Oct. 14 should arrive at the back parking lot of the JC Penney’s at the Cherry Hill Mall by 8:30 a.m. For more information, visit the “Back the Blue” Jeep Ride’s event page on Facebook.

Free County Library Cards For Pennsauken Residents

The Camden County Library System is now offering Pennsauken residents free temporary library cards. These cards provide Pennsauken residents with access to full service at all eight branches of the Camden County Library System as well as all digital collections. Cards are valid for service through December 31, 2017.

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- Nilsa I. Cruz-Perez Downtown Branch, 301 North 5th St., Camden, NJ 08102 (Intersection of 5th and Penn St.)
- Gloucester Twp.-Blackwood Rotary Public Library, 15 S. Black Horse Pike, Blackwood, NJ 08012

- William G. Rohrer Memorial Library - Haddon Twp Branch, 15 MacArthur Blvd., Westmont, NJ 08108
- Merchantville Public Library, 130 South Centre St., Merchantville, NJ 08109
- M. Allan Vogelsson Regional Branch Library, 203 Laurel Rd., Voorhees, NJ 08043
- South County Regional Branch Library, GPS Address: 35 Cooper Folly Rd., Atco, NJ 08004

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to carry out the duty of their calling to save as many lives as they could. One flag for every life lost. Two thousand nine hundred and ninety-seven flags for hundreds of millions of broken hearts.

This moving ceremony is made possible by Township Committeeman Bill Orth; and while he'd be the first person to deflect any praise, this annual event means so much to so many in our community. We are grateful for his efforts. Our firefighters come out in droves each year, lending a hand and some much needed lighting for the flag placement. Their participation also means a lot.

My friend, Irene Draper from Bourne-

mouth, England, was here visiting America and made it a point to come to pay her respects to the fallen of 9/11. She joined in prayer with her new American friends, as young as age three and as old as age 94. Irene's husband, Patrick, was also a firefighter; she knows firsthand of the tragedy that can befall these brave men and women. Irene was also quite moved by those in attendance.

"This moment in time, although so heartbreaking and catastrophic, has become a bonding for all of us all over the world to stand up for what is right, and to make our voices heard loud and strong so that these atrocities stop once

and for all, that we all may live in the peace and friendship, such as I witnessed here tonight."

As I watched the last flag placed into the earth, and I was about to take my last photo of the evening, I witnessed a strong and young figure standing right there in the midst of our Memorial. His name was PFC Walter McDonald; he belongs to a Vineland-based organization called the South Jersey Young Marines. He is a part of something that is larger than himself: a dedicated 15-year-old who is preparing to serve his country when his age allows him to follow his heart and destiny.

And so, PFC McDonald's photo was my last photo of the evening, and my eyes filled as his image and the Memorial background enveloped the lens of my camera.

But I saw far more than just this clear-cut image of a young soldier. I saw hope, honor, and promise; I saw dedication and loyalty; and I saw a hero in the making.

And all was right with the world.

An Open Letter From Mayor McBride To The Residents And Businesses Of Pennsauken

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there to dispose of pet waste.

With all the wildlife that calls Pennsauken home, from an increase of turkeys to the "interesting" odor we've been getting from skunks, geese and the mess they leave behind continue to be a problem. When washed into a waterway, their droppings are a source of pollution. And we all know that a flock of geese can leave a lot of droppings behind. While it's difficult to relocate geese, Pennsauken has adopted an ordinance making it illegal to feed them on public property.

Pennsauken's ordinance on improperly disposing of waste materials prohibits anything other than rainwater from going into an inlet. Dumping oil or other unwanted household chemicals into a storm inlet is not only dangerous, but also deadly to marine life. Please take advantage of the hazardous waste disposal days that the County has during the year. The next Camden County household hazardous waste collection event will be on Saturday, Oct. 14, 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., at the Cam-

den County Public Works facility, 2311 Egg Harbor Rd., Lindenwold. For information on what to bring and what to leave home, visit www.camdencounty.com/wp-content/uploads/files/What%20To%20Bring.pdf.

Remember, pollutants can also be grass, leaves and fertilizers. While some think of these as "organic," they are in fact pollutants to clean water and a danger to aquatic life. In addition, too many leaves raked down a storm inlet can also cause the sewer to clog and possibly result in flooding. Only rainwater should go down a storm drain.

The ordinances mentioned are intended to remind residents and businesses of the need to stop waterway pollution at the source. In addition, the NJDEP has directed municipalities to use eco-style inlets. These have been appearing all over town. The openings are purposely small enough to stop large debris, such as plastic bottles and soda cans from being washed into the storm sewer, but allow rainwater to pass through.

In addition to the Township retrofitting the new eco-style inlets, businesses are also required by ordinance to retrofit storm inlets whenever a parking lot needs to be repaved or seal coated of a parking area is done.

Pennsauken Township's Highway Department inspects inlets every year and cleans those blocked by debris. However, with over 1,100 inlets throughout the Township, the Highway Department cannot always get to them immediately. Cleaning off a storm inlet and placing the debris in a trash container is a way that Pennsauken residents can help keep the environment clean. This is particularly important in neighborhoods that are prone to street flooding in a heavy rain.

The ordinances discussed in this article can be found on our Township website (www.twp.pennsauken.nj.us) in the Government/Codebook section. Specific requirements are included in Chapters 101, Animals; Chapter 197, Litter; Chapter 256, Sewers and Drainage Systems; and Chapter 269, Solid Waste. While it is important to be aware of the ordinances that the Township has adopted to protect our waterways, it is really up to each one of us to take responsibility for keeping the environment clean. Everyone, whether they are a longtime resident, or a brand new business owner moving into town, has the ability to help in some small way.



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inSports Pennsauken's Hidalgo A Force On The Hardwood

Even as a fourth grader, Pennsauken's Hannah Grace Hidalgo turned heads on the hardwood, so much so that her parents were contacted by college coaches. Today, Hidalgo, a seventh grader at Life Center Academy in Burlington, continues to be a clutch basketball player who grabs people's attention.

At just 12 years of age, Hannah was the youngest player to be invited to James Madison Basketball's Elite Camp, which consists of intense, college level workshops and individual instruction from the James Madison University coaching staff. Players learn advanced fundamental skills and get a taste of the college student-athlete experience. While there, Hidalgo was selected for the James Madison all-star team, chosen alongside up-and-coming high school players.

Here's what Joseph Fenelon of



Pennsauken's Hannah Grace Hidalgo and her skills on the basketball court are garnering her plenty of attention.

NYGHoops Report, a New York-based media/scouting service that covers girls basketball, said about Hannah after her performance at Rites of Passage 2017, a unique grassroots event for the next generation of basketball

prospects:

"I knew nothing about this young lady when I walked through the door of Rites of Passage Saturday morning. But it did not take long to figure it out. First, a high school coach approached me to ask me about her. Second, her mom happened to be sitting to the side of me on the baseline, as AAU coaches kept complimenting her on her daughter's abilities. The smooth, skilled young point guard did not disappoint with her ball handling skills and court vision."

At home, Hannah plays basketball for Philly Triple Threat, an organization committed to serving youth in and around the Philadelphia area in three distinct arenas: education, athletics, and life. She trains with both her father, Orlando Hidalgo, and Lisa Steele, a former Division I basketball coach and current head coach of Paul VI's girls basketball team. Hannah also works out with

former NBA player "Never Nervous Pervis" Ellison.

As Hannah has received full scholarship offers from several area high

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Pennsauken Football Indians Win Season Opener, Lose Night Game Against Triton



The Pennsauken High School Football Indians defeated Winslow 19-12 during their season opener on Sept. 9, behind a great performance by the entire defense and running back Nahzir Russell. The following week, there was a flurry of scoring, as the Indians had a tough game under the lights at Triton High School, losing 51-40 to the Mustangs. For more on school athletics, visit <https://www.pennsauken.net/domain/58>. Photo credit: Pennsauken Athletics, Facebook.

Show Support For Your Pennsauken Indians With Customized Gear

There's a brand new way to show your Pennsauken pride at school events! The Pennsauken High School Athletic Department is proud to announce the launch of the new Pennsauken High School Indians Sideline Store. Customize a wide variety of gear – from t-shirts to hoodies and anything in between.

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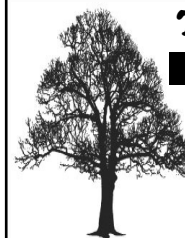
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